

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS

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COMMENTS FOR: HB 191

bob browning

Self

PLANO, TX

Please do not support this bill!!

Bruce Burton

Texas Values

Austin, TX

Vote Against

William Fitch

Self/Retired

Kerrville, TX

This is not right to force mixing of the sexes... Boy with boy and girls with girls... PERIOD. I strongly oppose the passage of HB 191 and see it as a great moral failing that it would even be suggested.

Daniel Alderete

Texans and Voters

San Antonio, TX

I do not support this bill, please vote against it.

Denise Martin

Self/ ins broker

Carrollton, TX

I am against this bill! People should be governed by the sex listed on their birth certificate! Do not pass!

Joe Rabalais

Self

Baytown, TX

I do not support this bill, it seems to be simply a cloak for the LGBTQ to make new rules to hate people that are not like them.

besides the idea of forcing homeless shelters to make rules favoring any specific group.

Cindy Forson
Texas republicans
Georgetown, TX

Strongly oppose!

Angie Rouse
Self
El Paso, TX

I ask that you oppose all bills that seek to criminalize the free expression of biblical values and give special protections based on "sexual orientation and gender identity."

Please support and publicly champion bills to protect religious freedom and biblical values.

Aimee Barlow
self- engineer/housewife in home of 4 voters
houston, TX

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Thank you for your time and service.

Karen Shock
My family
Thorndale, TX

Vote AGAINST HB 2045 and HB191! HB191 puts women and children at risk.

Janice Englehart
self
Dripping Springs, TX

Please, Please stop trying to create special categories of people identified by race and sexuality. There is man and there is woman and regardless of what color they are --they are children of God. We are God's creation, made in HIS image. Stop with the special treatment of groups who want to make themselves different. We can not survive as a country and as a state unless we rein in this nonsense. It is serving no Godly purpose.

Lori Robson

Self

Fairview, TX

God help your soul for trying to erase the very existence of Jesus Christ. Our very nation was founded on Judeo-Christian values. The Bible is the guidebook for the nation and the world. I pray that you and your party have a divine visitation from the Lord and your souls are filled with healing and restoration. May the God that I know become your Lord and Savior!!

Brett Chancey, Mr.

self

League City, TX

I have friends who run homeless shelters as well shelters for battered women. To think that anyone would make a rule allowing men identifying as women into shelters where women are seeking refuge for horrific instances in their life is hard for me to imagine. You can scream equality and that you are for the vulnerable in society but what this comes down to is nothing but a cowardice move and political posturing. All this just to score political points. I am willing to call it what it is, and a spineless move would be to bend to these radical groups who want nothing to do with rights, rather taking hostage the very places of refuge where the most violated victims seek refuge. If this passes then you all should be ashamed and know that I will do my best to make sure non of you get re-elected. I will campaign against you and spread the word. That you, in the name of equality are allowing battered women to have to sleep in the same facilities with a male.

Darlene Powell, Mrs

Self

Mansfield, TX

Please vote against this bill

Suzanne Fisher

self - retired

Orange Grove, TX

Vote: NO

By giving "rights" to an exclusive group of people - you would remove rights from another group of people.

"participating, without discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, [or] national origin, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression, in an activity, service, organization, or facility" ACTUALLY DISCRIMINATES AGAINST RELIGION.

Dolores Guest

Self

Hewitt, TX

Please oppose HB 191

Candice Linn

Self - self-employed

Colleyville, TX

I am AGAINST forcing religious homeless shelters to allow biological men to sleep next to women in abuse shelters. Please do not support this bill.

James Crowhurst

Self

Fredericksburg, TX

I am totally against this idea of NOT allowing housing discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. All this allows is for sexual deviants to share quarters with women who need their privacy.

Colleen Fulkerson

'self' 'retired'

Brazoria, TX

As a concerned citizen of the state of Texas I strongly oppose HB 191 by Democrat Rep. Diego Bernal. Hiding under the guise of "sexual orientation and gender identity" (SOGI) language, this bill would create new government power to ban the free expression of Christian beliefs, especially biblical teaching on marriage and sexuality. HB 191 would have the effect of forcing religious homeless shelters to allow biological men to sleep next to women in abuse shelters. This is appalling. I adhere to my Christian beliefs and oppose anyone and anything that goes against them.

Sarah Mohle

Self

Austin, TX

This bill goes directly against the Constitutional right we have to freedom of religion AND freedom of speech, under the guise of discrimination. I strongly oppose the passing of this bill.

Jan Branson, Mrs.

Self

San Antonio, TX

Regarding the rest of the bill I do not believe that because of my Biblical and Christian belief that I as a Christian should be discriminated against. As a United States citizen I should be able to worship as my convictions dictate. This in no way forces any of my beliefs on others. On the contrary it would seem that my beliefs are being threatened just because I believe in the Bible.

Phyllis Smith

Self Retired

Athens, TX

I am opposed to the passage of this bill. I personally volunteer at a homeless ministry in East Texas. The possibility that a male identifying as a female being allowed to sleep in the same quarters as any non-family member female is quite distressing much less a female who has been abused by a male...regardless of how that person identifies. The bill needs to be more clearly spelled out for situations like this. It is also in violation of ones expression of religious beliefs which is a first amendment RIGHT.

Julie Sinke

Self / Self employed

Lindale, TX

For the safety and welfare of women in homeless shelters, please do not allow this bill to pass.

Beth Banning

The Heart of a Woman

Carrollton, TX

Please dissolve this bill immediately. It clearly encroaches on the freedom of religion and free speech.

JEANNE HORN

self

Schertz, TX

Why would any one think it would be ok to force religious homeless shelters to allow biological men to sleep next to women in abuse shelters? There has to be common sense that will be listened to. If this was your daughter/granddaughter would you want that for them? Why do you want to take our religious liberties away? The protect us, keep us on a moral track that apparently you do not value. What do you value? Following the godless people in this nation will bring ultimate destruction for our country. Please think about what you are doing.

Leon & Patsy Willingham

Willingham

MINEOLA, TX

It is my understanding that this bill would create new government power to ban the free expression of Christian beliefs, especially biblical teaching on marriage and sexuality. This goes against our Texas values and I respectfully request that this bill be defeated. Leon and Pat Willingham, Mineola, TX

Jamie Tomlinson

Self

Grapevine, TX

I oppose HB 191 because hiding under the disguise of "sexual orientation and gender identity" (SOGI) language, these bills would create new government power to ban the free expression of Christian beliefs, especially biblical teaching on marriage and sexuality.

Jeanine Brazell

Self. Housewife.

Mansfield, TX

Dear Committee,,

Hiding under the disguise of "sexual orientation and gender identity" (SOGI) language, these bills would create new government power to ban the free expression of Christian beliefs, especially biblical teaching on marriage and sexuality.

I am firmly in support of every person's free will to make their own life choices but I'm adamantly against trying to force it into our schools, government, private businesses, laws, etc. The VAST majority of Texans believe marriage is between a man and woman and there are only 2 recognized genders, men and women and they should be distinct.

Thank you for not trying to force values of a tiny minority on the overwhelming majority. We notice what you are doing and you represent us, not a political or social agenda.

Thank you.

Jeanine. (Native born Texan)

SHARON EDWARDS, MRS.

SELF

AUSTIN, TX

I am asking you to oppose both of the following bills: HB 191 and HB 2045. HB 191 by Rep. Diego Bernal (D) would have the effect of forcing religious homeless shelters to allow biological men to sleep next to women in abuse shelters. This has great potential for sexual abuse and is contrary to religious shelter's rules.

HB 2045 by Rep. Ray Lopez (D) would use my tax dollars to create an LGBTQ task force made up exclusively of members of the LGBTQ community. It is not desirable nor productive to have the makeup of this task force exclude heterosexuals. VOTE NO ON BOTH OF THESE BILLS.

Shellee Adkins

self-administration

Huntsville, TX

Oppose all #BanTheBible bills that seek to criminalize the free expression of biblical values

Oppose all efforts to give special protections based on "Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity"

Publicly champion bills to protect religious freedom and biblical values

JAMES BERNIER

3500 Carla Ct. Granbury Tx. 76049-5880

GRANBURY, TX

Biological men should not be allowed to house with biological women.

Clifford Hogue, Lt Col, Retired (USAF)

Self, Retired Air Force Officer

Cibolo, TX

I am opposed to this bill as it imposes unnecessary danger to either sex being sexually harassed by the other.

Randy Owens

self small business owner

Round Rock, TX

Please do not allow this bill to become law. It would be beneficial to have broader representation on this task force.

Carolyn Patten

Self

S Padre Isle, TX

I oppose

VERONICA NAVON

Self

HOUSTON, TX

Men dressed as women are not women, but impostors. Stop the nonsense.

Diane Winterboer

Self

Tolar, TX

Please oppose this bill.

Cynthia And Dennis Grubb

Mr. and Mrs.

Dallas, TX

We already have housing discrimination laws on the books. Do not take up precious time in this session going down this path. God made 2 genders plain and simple Man and Woman. Everyone should be treated with respect, regardless.

Julia Strock

Self

Austin, TX

I strongly oppose HB 191, because it endangers women. We must discriminate between the emotionally confused and those who understand that God created only male and female in his image. The only compassionate response is to tell them the truth. Allowing them to shelter with women who are already vulnerable exposes them to the potential for great harm and abuse.

Tammy Kreif

True Texas Project

Fort Worth, TX

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Sammye Mauney

Gorman High School

GORMAN, TX

Please vote against this disgusting BILL! It is putting our women and young girls at risk of being violated by a man that wants to claim to be identified as a "woman" for that day. We need to protect our women and young ladies from this type of predator.

Chris Kreif

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Will Kirby

self

haslet, TX

Please vote against HB 191 why would anyone in their right mind allow men to sleep next to women in an abuse shelter.

Karen Nichols

Self

Plano, TX

I am against this bill. It will endanger biological women. It does not protect anyone.

MARY ROBERTS

SELF - REMODELER AND LAY LEADER OF Wallis Methodist Church, 123 Birch @ Guylar, Wallis TX 77485
WALLIS, TX

VERY UPSET THAT YOU WOULD SUBMIT THIS BILL IN TEXAS, THIS IS A HORRIFYING WAY TO BAN THE BIBLE!

I HAVE BEEN FELT UP AND OFFENDED BY LESBIAN WOMEN AND I STAYED HOME FOR 3 WEEKS IN HORROR

WE DONT NEED TO HAVE OUR YOUNG OR EVEN MIDDLE-AGED WOMEN -LIKE I WAS-AT 42 YRS, TO BE ENCOURAGED AND
MORE LIKELY TO BE SEXUALLY ATTACKED AT 42 YRS OLD !!!! WOMEN TO WOMEN.... I THOUGHT I WAS OPEN MINDED AND

AFTER THAT EXPERIENCE I AM HORRIFIED BY THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF BY A MISGUIDED AND

OFFENSIVE PERSON... MALE OR FEMALE!

OR EVEN ENCOURAGED BY THIS KIND A BILL

GOD IS TO BE RESPECTED NOT TRASHED LIKE THIS BILL!!

THE BIBLE HAS NO HATE SPEECH

THE BEHAVIOR OF WOMEN ON WOMEN IS AN ABOMINATION. I WAS NEAR DEATH AND LIVED TO BRAG ON GOD i AM HORRIFIED BY THIS BILL

i RESPECT GOD AND AM PRAYING FOR YOUR SOULS....

I AM SHAKING JUST REMEMBERING THIS INCIDENT AND IT WAS 22 YEARS AGO !

THAT GROUP OF WOMEN WERE DEMEANING AND DIS-RESPECTFUL AND HATEFUL OF ME TO DO THAT!!

THIS IS NOT A GOOD BILL! i DONT WANT THEM TO PREY ON OTHER WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY!!!

JUST SAY NO FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR/OUR YOUTH!!

mARY ROBERTS

Andrea Elliott

Self

Wylie, TX

I totally oppose this!! It will cause many multiple issues!

Susan Neumann, MRS

Retired

Harper, TX

DNA puts one into the sex at birth. Perhaps transsexuals and LGBTQ should have separate room or have curtains to separate. A conscious choice to change one's appearance does not make that person the sex as they appear.

Ryan Lauderdale

Self

Cypress, TX

I object to HB 191, due to violations of the First Amendment of the US Constitution, and move for its dismissal.

Larry Simmons

Self

Georgetown, TX

Any religious affiliate and/or organization should and shall continue to reserve the right to discriminate based upon their belief(s) without recourse of civil penalty or government interference.

Cynthia Frey

Self

Garland, TX

This is ridiculous. Bernal is putting women at risk. Perhaps women in his life should spend a month in a shelter and see how they like the experience. VOTE NO!!

Ron Taylor

Self - retired

Allen, TX

In section 8 a2 of this bill it does not allow a religion to restrict membership or a work in a ministry based on sexual orientation or sexual identity. I am opposed to this. A Ministry must have the right to only allow those to serve in its organization who agree with its standards. Many Churches will not allow those to serve who do not meet the sexual standards of the Bible. This is a dictatorship and is against the free speech guaranteed by the Constitution. This is government control over most religions.

Lisa Garner

Self, homemaker

Devine, TX

The United States was founded on the principles of religious practices freedom. Bills that suppress that freedom in any way, are violation of the US Constitution.

Aloys Notzon

self

San Antonio, TX

This bill does not represent my beliefs and is a danger to public safety.

Thomas Reed

self

Hondo, Texas, TX

Please do not pass the HB 191. It is an affront to normal human beings who do not care to be molested by some transgender pervert.

Berna Lee

Self

Southlake, TX

I am against allowing my tax dollars for housing that would allow biological men to be with biological women unless they are married in any public housing . That is only inviting sexual abuse of women.

RES Ekern

SELF - Architect

Arlington, TX

This Bill places women in positions of vulnerability and danger. It also allows control of religious freedoms.

Leslie Robertson, MR

Self

Pasadena, TX

Vote to kill this Abomination on common decency. VOTE NO!

Sharon Ellenberger, Sister

Self, Religious

Boys Ranch, TX

It would be very unsafe for men off of the street to be able to sleep in the same room as women seeking shelter. It is opening the door for sexual assault. Please protect women and children from predators.

Mark Mayfield

Christ centered views

Fort Worth, TX

I don't support the fact that anyone opposing my views of the Bible has the right in this country to tell me or to try to ban anything that I believe in just because of your views. To even think of such an action is ungodly and demonic. The Bible teaches how to help others through the love of God. To TRY to ban the Bible is stupid in the least.

Darinda Powell

Selh

Bedford, TX

I am totally against this bill

Neal Karpienski, Mr

Self/ Roman Catholic/ Educator

Grapevine, TX

As a member of the LGBTQ community I believe that we need to keep separation of church and state when it comes to regulating religiously affiliated shelters. The federal/ State government has no right to infringe on religious charity towards members of the community. The federal government is failing to do its part to create federal and state “safe spaces” and rather is forcing private organizations and citizens to comply with transitioning persons within their shelters. If the state or federal government has a problem with how charities delegate charity, the federal/ state government should step up to provide those resources rather than force compliance on religious institutions.

Debbie Phillips

Bum Phillips Charities

Goliad, TX

Please vote NO!

William Black, Mr.

Texas Values

New Braunfels, TX

I asking you to vote against the bill 'Ban the Bible.' My right to express my biblical views on marriage and sexuality is my right under 'Freedom of Speech'. I also ask you to vote against homeless biological men from sleeping next to women in abuse shelters. I'm asking you to vote against Rep. Ray Lopez (D) would use your taxpayer dollars to create an LGBTQ task force made up exclusively of members of the LGBTQ community to create radical policies like seen in HB 191.

Lori Washam, Mrs

Self Homemaker, volunteer

Plano, TX

I respectfully and strongly submit that both HB 191 and HB 2045 are intended to give certain members of society EXTRA and SPECIAL privileges beyond what the general population would receive. It would also create a serious threat to women and girls. What about their rights for protection under the law? These bills are intended to create special classes of people and are solely submitted for political purposes. Our constitution gives great acknowledgement of God and His word, which the bill authors are attempting to nullify. Woe to those who seek to ignore Him. We the people of Texas insist these bills be thrown out.

Duffy Hobbs, Mr

myself

Manchaca, TX

Liberal Democrats have no basis to ban Christian beliefs. Our Constitution is based on Judaism. Leave MY God out of this ridiculous proposal.

Richard Husek

Self

Carrollton, TX

I would like to express my opposition to HB 191. This bill and other laws and ordinances like it are directly opposed to the First Amendment allowing the free practice of religion. Please vote against this bill.

Kate Daenen, Mrs

Self

Beaumont, TX

Please DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN.

Kristine Sproul

Self

Marble Falls, TX

There is no law against your choice of city, country living, or state you will choose. There also should be no law against your choice of male, female, or LGBTQ + . Each should have their seperate jurisdiction.

If you desire to live in the male as a biological male so be it. If you choose to live in the biological female so be it, and if you choose to live in the 3rd category: LGBTQ CHOICE it is seperate just as the others. One is the country one is the city, one is another state.... but they all are seperate entities.

Daniel Irvin

Self, family and future generations

Fulshear, TX

We do not need this bill. Texas has become the greatest state in Union without it. Focusing on gender identity issues is a luxury the U.S. cannot afford with the current international tensions and internal problems (including gender identity which some group created to distract our country). Focus on issues that matter for the future of Texas and the country. Stop pandering to special interests and advance the state.

Carla Herman

Self/ customer service

Dallas, TX

Please do not pass this. It would not be safe to have biological males sleeping next to women in abuse shelters. The abused are already vulnerable without adding this. Yes, all need a place to live. That doesn't mean that the right place for biological males to live is in a shelter for abused women

Barry Rodges, Mr.

Self

Bedford, TX

This bill not only stands counter to the morals of the people of Texas, it stands counter to reality itself. Put an end to any bill that supports the idiotic ideas of gender identity & expression. Stop ignoring the science of sex in exchange for woke policies. Sex is not mutable, men & women are different.

Leah Sessum, Mrs

Self, retired

Mineral Wells, TX

I ask you to reject this particular Bill. While I can appreciate the effort to end discrimination, this bill attempts to legislate morality. In so doing, it would infringe upon those who maintain Christian biblical beliefs, ultimately denying them the right to freely practice those beliefs. A state that forces its citizens to practice that which defiles their moral conscience or consequently face fines, jail sentences etc., is nothing short of religious persecution and a violation of the First Amendment of the US Constitution.

As a 7th generation Texan and descendant of several American Revolutionary patriots, I ask you to honor the traditional moral values established by my ancestors. These moral values when nurtured as the norm will maintain TRUE liberty for all.

Pamela Wilkerson

me

Jacinto City, TX

I oppose this bill based on the effect of forcing religious homeless shelters to allow biological men to sleep in the same area or even next to abused women.

These women need to feel protected. This practice would further traumatize them.

Carol Cutler

Self-retired

Little Elm, TX

This bill should be defeated. As a previous victim of domestic violence, I cant imagine living in a shelter with a male living right near me! Women who have been battered certainly need to feel safe and protected while they get themselves ready to start a new chapter in their lives. Separate accommodations could be prepared for individuals who feel they are the opposite sex. Do not house them with biological women.

Roger WURTELE

Torchlight Energy

Plano, TX

This bill would invite abuse toward women and accomplish nothing to preserve liberty. A person finding assistance when needed does not mean that all of their preferences need to be accommodated when it represents probable harm to another person.

Housing can be provided without trampling the rights of other residents.

Jonathan Pacitti

Self / Engineer

Sugar Land, TX

This bill after closer examination, creates new government power to ban the free expression of Christian beliefs, especially biblical teaching on marriage and sexuality. Partisan legislators are pushing these highly controversial bills yet again during the current Texas Legislative Session, against the overwhelming opposition and will from Texas citizens.

I ask you to listen more carefully to the voice of the people and not partisan politicians who wish to cancel our faith and beliefs.

George Dawes, Cpt

Retired

Tomball, TX

I am opposed to SB 191.

Joey Ketchersid

Self

Argyle, TX

Why do politicians demand that the general public ignore science and religion when they decide to force lies and declare that there are more than two genders. A bull is a male and a heifer is a female. This is also true for people. We are born male or female. Dogs and cats etc do not get to decide if they are male or female and neither should humans. The government and big corporations make it where we are not allowed to talk about truth without fear of being fired or harassed. Black Lives Matter and LGBT values are forced on the majority of the people even when our values differ. All Lives matter, but you can risk your life and wealth if you say it. Also immigrants are welcome, but any illegal activity by citizen or immigrants should not be tolerated.

Dolores Taylor

self

MISSOURI CITY, TX

I feel this bill with (SOGI) language, will create new government power to ban the free expression of Christian beliefs, especially biblical teaching on marriage and sexuality. I oppose this bill!

SOMMER LAPITSKY

SELF; LICENSED PROPERTY TAX CONSULTANT

Arlington, TX

As your constituent, I am deeply concerned about multiple "Ban the Bible" bills like HB 191 and HB 2045 that have been filed & would attack my right to live out my faith according to biblical beliefs & my conscience. Hiding under the disguise of "sexual orientation & gender identity" (SOGI) language, these bills would create dangerous government power to ban free expression of biblical beliefs, especially its teaching on marriage and sexuality. Texans who do not comply would face fines, possible jail time

& other criminal charges. This is WRONG! I ask that you oppose all bills that seek to criminalize the free expression of biblical values & give special protections based on "sexual orientation & gender identity." Please support & publicly champion bills to protect religious freedom & biblical values. Thank you for your time & service.

John Chandler

Self

Snyder, TX

It's time to stop the craziness. There are already protections under U.S. laws and codes. We have no need for such feel good self grandising efforts.

Jamon Hamilton

Self

Houston, TX

I oppose. This bill is an insult and lacks any judgment or common sense. Why is this bill even being brought up?

Don DeCotis, Mr

Self/ independent business

Shavano Park, TX

Vehemently oppose this bill, find a way for the third gender/mental thought process to reside amongst like kind. Male with male, female with female and other with other.

Harold Holmyard

Holmyard

Dallas, TX

My understanding is that this bill HB 191 by Rep. Diego Bernal would have the effect of forcing religious homeless shelters to allow biological men to sleep next to women in abuse shelters. This is wrong. Gender dysphoria is a psychological condition, but society is not obliged to indulge it to the point of endangering women for the sake of a man's identity issues. Please do not pass this bill.

Stefanie Mueller

Self, direct sales

Georgetown, TX

This matter is deeply concerning, and I strongly oppose this legislation. Women who have been recently abused by male predators seeking safety should not be forced to sleep next to a person (born as a male) who is questioning their gender. This creates an unhealthy situation. The purpose of a safe environment is clearly to create a safe environment. We must put the well-being of a harmed woman above the recent gender confusion that has pervaded our society.

William Fatuch

Self

El Paso, TX

I pray that Texas stand firm on Religious Freedom and NOT ban the Bible or anything related to it. HB 191 and HB 2045

Lydia Miller, Miss

Myself

Austin, TX

Please do not ban the Bible. The Bible teaches us to love our fellow man no matter what gender they are, in spite of any confusion. It would cause Texas to seem illiterate to ban the Bible.

Susan Williamson, Mrs.

Self

Houston, TX

I strongly oppose this bill.

Patricia Adams

Adams Automotive

Houston, TX

This bill would force religious homeless shelters to allow biological men to sleep next to women in a Abuse shelters. HOW INSANE CAN YOU BE? This must not be allowed!

Alice McDonald

self/teacher

Vidor, TX

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Paul Deaver

Self, as a minister for the Sherman Drive church of Christ

Denton, TX

I oppose this legislation, which undermines the distinction between male and female, puts real females at risk, and bows to the fiction that gender is a choice. It is absurd that this is debatable, and it is embarrassing that a misguided piece of legislation such as this would even be suggested in the Texas legislature.

Jerry Teer

Pastor of Landmark Missionary Baptist Church of Texarkana

Texarkana, TX

This bill should not stand as is because it would allow biological men to be in abuse shelters with women and their children. This makes no logical sense!

Erik Wirtz

Self

Cedar Park, TX

This bill is a direct violation of the 1st amendment to the US Constitution, as well as Article 1, Sec 6 of the Texas Constitution. The most relevant portion thereof being: "No human authority (government) ought, in any case whatever, to control or interfere with the rights of conscience in matters of religion"

What is being termed prohibition of discrimination, is in fact, discrimination against a religious person or institution and a direct interference by the government to force a person to go against their religious tenants and their conscience. In state or other government run facilities it is perfectly acceptable to institute such policies but enforcement on faith based property is fundamentally illegal.

HB 2045 sets a similar situation into motion that almost guarantees the infringement on freedom of religion. The act of forcing someone to accept something that is against their religion and not physically harmful to others is precisely why an admonition was placed in both constitutions. Just because someone finds a religious belief offensive, no legitimate power should attempt to provide a protection against getting one's feelings hurt.

I find some of the beliefs in many religions to be offensive to me but if they are not being used to justify physical harm to others, they have the right to hold to those beliefs and not be forced against their will to violate them.

Russell Miller

COTR.com

Nederland, TX

Strongly oppose this bill.
Freedom of religion is being taken away.

Caryl Kane

Self

Wharton, TX

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Thank you for your time and service.

Mark Calabrese

Self / Financial Svcs Mgr

Tomball, TX

I strongly oppose HB 191!! It is an attempt to undermine religious freedom under the guise of "equality".

Clay Ashley

Self

Bryan, TX

I am against this bill. Separation by gender is not discrimination. Many women would feel vulnerable if made to sleep next to a man she doesn't know. It opens up the possibility of men preying on women.

Rena French

Self. Retired history teacher

Bullard, TX

It is maddening to me that we the people of Texas have to take time to protest something this absurd and wrong. Children or adults who deny their born sexuality (and science proves with God's word there are only 2 sexes) are mentally ill. They need help not reaffirming their mental illness. As the example goes, would you affirm an anorexic that they need to lose weight and not eat to make them feel accepted?!! This is all madness. It is also asking for trouble to allow the opposite sex to be housed together and use the same bathrooms. Mark Twain said 'common sense isn't common' ...but little did he know the stupidity we are dealing with today.

Kelli Hlavenka

Self, Clerical

Terrell, TX

I oppose this bill and demand this legislation not be pursued any farther. This is reprehensible, irresponsible, infringes on our freedoms established by our constitution and does not represent the will of the citizens of the great state of Texas!

Robert Hendrick

Self Pastor

George West, TX

To disallow exclusion of harmful and /or abhorrent lifestyles and practices can have the effect of making shelters and other places established for the protection of individuals who have been abused or other wise displaced unsafe for those for whom they are intended. Equally families with children or defenseless adults may also be endangered by blanket prohibitions of exclusions of certain "identities" and "expressions."

Robert Hendrick
George West, Texas

Carolyn Simmons
Individual citizen
San Antonio, TX

Please do not pass HB 191 forcing religious homeless shelters to allow biological men to sleep next to women in abuse shelters!

Joanne Mullins
Texas Values Action
Bellville, TX

Why would any sane person want to further traumatize a victim of abuse by making them live in a shelter with the symbol of their abuse, men? We have no idea if this gender identity person is a potential sex offender or a true transgender. We can't take that chance and let men live with women in an abuse shelter. We really need separate shelters for the transgender and the abused women. Healing will never be achieved if abused women can't be left alone to recuperate with like minded abused women. You will just further traumatize the abused women if you let men into their shelters. It is just common sense. Do the right thing and vote NO to this nonsense bill, HB 191. Thank you for standing up for women's rights and common sense.

Lizabeth Poche
Self/Bus Driver
Joshua, TX

Please do not pass this. All the "rights" nowadays seem to belong to the ones who want to be different. Others still have rights as well. And I for one, do not want myself, nor any female I know, to be forced to share sleeping space with a man, whatever his sexual orientation may be. Thank you.

Marcos Simpson
Self
Overton, TX

No sexual orientation and gender identity-related laws needed here.

Deborah Rose
self, small business owner
Moody, TX

I strongly oppose this bill.

Nicole Gardner

Self

Alvin, TX

I fully oppose this bill that would allow biological males to be housed with women in abuse shelters! This bill would discriminate against females and their right to safety in shelters and safe housing.

Diane Edwards

Self

San Antonio, TX

As your constituent, I am deeply concerned about multiple "Ban the Bible" bills, like HB 191 and HB 2045, that have been filed that would attack my right to live out my faith according to biblical beliefs and my conscience.

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I ask that you oppose all bills that seek to criminalize the free expression of biblical values and give special protections based on "sexual orientation and gender identity."

Please support and publicly champion bills to protect religious freedom and biblical values.

Thank you for your time and service.

Diane Edwards

Oliver Coker

myself and family

Fulshear, TX

This bill is an outrageous overreach and unconstitutional. Our US constitution guarantees freedom of religion. "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." Perhaps the authors of this bill need to go back to civics class, read this again, and understand what it means.

Crystal Mcknight

Self

LINDALE, TX

Biologically born males should not be allowed in a women's shelter. We need to protect our women and children.

Rebecca De Angel

Self

Austin, TX

Opose.

Rhonda Bone

self

The Woodlands, TX

HB 191 by Rep. Diego Bernal (D) would have the effect of forcing religious homeless shelters to allow biological men to sleep next to women in abuse shelters. This is not acceptable, and is in fact discriminatory against victims of domestic abuse. This bill is pure evil, and must never be put into law. This is against the core values of mainstream Texans.

Betty Guth, Mrs

Self retired

Midlothian, TX

It is time to stand up for what is right and not put women and children In Harm's Way! It is time to stand up for what is right and face reality and that truth Still Remains! Vote no on this bill! All people have rights but they must not in Fringe on other people's rights and safety! Vote no please

Elvia Ortiz

Self

Tomball, TX

I am in opposition of this bill based on the wording and how it would affect my religious freedom going forward.

Veronica Nettles

Self

Diboll, TX

I oppose this bill. This is opening up too many situations for the abuse and rape of women and allowing predators free reign. God created man and woman, He did not create man to be transformed into woman or vice versa.

Harold Tanner

Self / Retired production supervisor

Odessa, TX

This bill is recriminatory toward any person of high moral fiber and one who is a true believer in the teachings of the Bible. This also opens another door of opportunity for lawyers to make a dollar in lawsuits.

Nancy Schwab

SELF

Brownwood, TX

HOW CAN YOU ALL EVEN COME UP WITH THIS TYPE OF BILL. PLEASE VOTE NO FOR THIS BILL!!

Judith Chason

myself and conservative America

Dayton, TX

HB 191 by Rep. Diego Bernal (D) would have the effect of forcing religious homeless shelters to allow biological men to sleep next to women in abuse shelters. Allowing this would negate a SAFE place that females need, especially abused females. We've had to look over our shoulders all of our lives as women. Not just for our safety but for our male and female children. I think we are losing basic perspective trying to accommodate people who are confused about who and what they are. Who are the crazies that are actually considering this? Where is your common sense?

David Letersky

Self

Tuscola, TX

I am against this.

Don Moss, Mr

None

Burleson, TX

Please do not pass this

Janet McKnight

self

Tioga, TX

Would you want your mother, wife, daughter or granddaughter in an environment where a man would be allowed to share private space with them? That's an invitation for them to be harmed in ways that will live inside their heads for the rest of their lives. Don't allow this to happen!

Christiana Keeler

Self

Austin, TX

I disagree with HB 191 as it would impose requirements that could inflict harm to residents of those facilities. No government should require biological males or females to live with their "identified" sexual orientation. That would force homeless shelters as well as universities and schools to not protect a vulnerable population. Instead come up with a plan to address that small minority of people that identify themselves as the opposite sex, providing individual support to them.

Denise Terry

Self/Retired

Garland, TX

Please consider the safety of all involved in the homeless situation. Men and women should not be combined for the safety of women and their children.

Bettye Isbell

Self - Retired

San Antonio, TX

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Leslie Pickett

self

Kerrville, TX

Vote NO on this bill. Do not force religious homeless shelters, or any other shelters, to allow biological men to sleep next to women who have been abused. Abuse shelters are to protect the abused women, not to further traumatize them. If a man is abused, then he should have his own shelter to go to.

This bill was poorly thought out as it does not protect the already traumatized females. Would you really want some man sleeping next to your physically or sexually abused daughter/wife/niece/friend?

Jesus Gonzalez

Self, electronic design engineer

Austin, TX

I am opposing this bill since this will create a disorder a potential sexual assaults to the persons that may be physically less strong, a man declaring he feels is a woman if place in a shelter with women has a physical advantage over women and can forcibly abuse them

Cedric Nobles

Self

Bryan, TX

This bill, if passed, is destructive to our state, nation, and each individual citizen's personal freedoms! This is a horrible bill that is

rooted in wickedness!

SASHA THOMAS

self

Richardson, TX

I oppose any bill that calls out sexual orientation or gender identity as a mechanism to force others to comply against their beliefs. The guise of inclusion is actually anything but, it's inclusion if you believe what I believe and if you don't I'm going to make laws that take away your rights to believe what you want and act accordingly. There is very little evidence that people can't find housing because they are gay, or they are a man dressed as a woman etc. The data doesn't support the need for laws like this.

Tammy Moore, Mrs.

Self

Alvin, TX

I stand against this bill. The protection of women and children is far more important than pushing a political agenda. This bill stands to put thousands of women across the country at risk. There is no way to prove if a biological man really believes he is a woman or gender neutral. Facilities will simply be forced to take his word for it. This sets up the potential for abusers (under the disguise of being a woman by claiming that as his identity) to easily have access to women and children to abuse. What a horrible thought! Even a person entering the facility without the intention of abuse will cause trauma to the women and children simply by his presence. Women and children escaping abusive situations do not need further trauma caused by the presence of a man loving amongst them (even if he claims to be a woman or gender neutral). If Democrats care as much about women's rights as they claim to, put your money where your mouth is and kill this bill and protect the rights of women and children to have safe housing without the presence of biological men.

Patti Franklin

Self

Breckenridge, TX

I adamantly oppose this Bill on the grounds of what it will create. I oppose any idea that goes against Christian beliefs. It is immoral.

Linda Jenkins

self

Cedar Park, TX

I am against this bill! It must be stopped to protect women in shelters from having men allowed in the same shelter. Women who've been abused are going through enough without having men allowed to sleep next to them. This is outrageous!

Allan Jackson, Ordained Minister

Self / Ordained Minister

Northlake, TX

God made Male and Female. You cannot change this fact no matter how hard you try! To allow men and women who have been

abused to be in the same housing, let alone sleep by each other, is not only foolish, but is going to cause more sexual assaults and cause more problems than you can take care of. It is unnatural, just as putting a dog that hates cats next to each other! This is not the way we can help abused women in their situations. If you think this is just a simple discrimination situation, then that kind of foolish thinking needs to be replaced with someone who is God fearing and science knowledgeable person. As a Texas citizen my taxes pay for the proper understanding House Legislators with the guts to standup for rights of the majority, and I guarantee you this proposal is not that by any means!!!! You guys in Austin do the right thing or get you another job where you do not have to do the will of the people! Washington DC seems to have a place for misguided politicians. This is a matter of right verses wrong. Good versus evil. God is watching, if you want to agree with this statement or not!

Shannon Suderman, Miss

Self - retired

Houston, TX

I am protesting two #BantheBible bills (HB 191 and HB 2045), TOMORROW, March 31 at 10:30 AM in room E1.026.

I cannot believe this is happening in the state of Texas. God help us!!!!

Katrina Svandrlik

Self / stay at home mother

Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this bill and encourage a vote against HB 191

Dorothy Jordan, Mrs

Self

Carthage, TX

God does not make mistakes, a Human Being is either Male or Female at conception that cannot be changed my any man or woman.

Victor Guajardo

Self

Dallas, TX

Please stop this 191 bill in its tracks do not allow this.

Maria Cecilia Cordova Guller

Individual

PLANO, TX

Only 2 genders are created by God Almighty. Biological males, who identify as female, do NOT belong in the same showers, dressing rooms, shelter sleeping/dressing/bathing areas, nor female competitive sports events. Why are we even having this discussion? This bill WILL threaten the safety of our women, children, boys AND girls, infants, young men. DO NOT ALLOW this nonsense to go any farther. God Almighty has blessed Texas & its citizens more than any other state; why? Maybe, just

maybe it's because we hold in great reverence His commandments AND we believe and abide by His Word, the Holy. Bible. Instead of cowering to the demands of truly misguided and hurting individuals, they need our prayers and they need treatment to help them understand that they are already perfect exactly the way God made them and that He can show them how to be truly happy the way He designed them, instead of them trying to find happiness being someone they were never meant to be.

John Jackson
Self, retired
Southlake, TX

NO.

Sherri Lindsey
Self
Hockley, TX

Do not pass this bill. Protest freedom of religion. Protect abused women.

Bill Lee, Dr.
self, physician (retired family physician)
Ennis, TX

Housing for men and women should be a simple matter. There are two sexes, biologically speaking, only two--male and female. Housing should not be determined by anything other than the scientific method of sex at birth.

Carolyn Carter
Self
Tomball, TX

For our safety and well being vote No against this bill.

Janie Singleton
Self
Amarillo, TX

I am opposed to biological trans gender men being able to sleep next to women in the abuse center. This could be very traumatic to women who have suffered abuse at the hands of a man. Separate them.
Janie Singleton

Denim Koshell
self
Austin, TX

Good intentions don't always translate into good policy. Please vote against HB 191 as this bill inherently violates religious freedom and biblical values - HB 191 will criminalize the free expression of biblical values and give special protections based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity.

Marilyn Hodge

Retired

DALLAS, TX

We are opposed to any of the "Ban the Bible" bills!!! Please read Exodus 20 or Deuteronomy 5 to review the Ten Commandments. We are opposed to any action that would violate or dilute God's Holy Word.

Mary Crelia, Mother , grandmother

Self

Cleburne, TX

I came from poverty, been a foster mother to sexually abused children , a grandmother to a gay grandson lost his life to aids , adopted my African Am daughter which birthed my 2 only granddaughters did childcare for 18 year , gender identity should not be the basis of equality in an overcoming country like America..."who are we"?

Linda Turnbough

Self

San Antonio, TX

I am against all that is in this bill. Please vote against the passage of HB 191.

LARRY SMITH

Self

Cleburne, TX

Mr. Bernal must not have children. If he does I don't want my grandchildren to be submitted to a force able encounter with someone who is biologically of the make sex pretending or even wishing to be a girl. God was not confused when he created Male & Female

Mary Lou Tazelaar, Mrs

Self, retired

Spring, TX

As a concerned wife, mother and grandmother of a biological daughter & granddaughter, I must ask you to reconsider introducing, voting or passing such a bill as this one. I cannot imagine my daughter or granddaughter being allowed to sleep next to a male that identifies as a woman to be allowed in a shelter where women feel safe from their abusers. This would open the doors for males who identify as a female to be allowed in these shelters who could potentially be a rapist or abuser of females. Please consider my request on this matter, thank you.

Melinda Catching, Dr.

Self

Lexington, TX

I am against any bill including this one, HB 2045 or any other that would come against biblical truths or restrict Christians to act in accordance to their values!

Jack Rothenflue, Mr

individual

Ingram, TX

This is in direct opposition to the US Constitution, therefore illegal

Stacy Rauchwerger

Self realtor/rancher

Bonham, TX

I strongly oppose this measure. This creates much confusion and is a direct threat to women and the vulnerable.

Damita Allen

Self/ Administrative

San Antonio, TX

“Shelter - something that provides protection; a refuge”. I urge you to vote AGAINST Texas HB 191. One of the (hopefully) unintended consequences of passing this legislation would be to allow biological men to sleep next to women in abuse shelters. No matter how rare an occurrence this might be, for it to happen even ONCE is unconscionable. In following the science, chromosomes do not lie - XX equals female and XY equals male. Also following the science, biological males (XY) have physical advantages over biological females (XX). Please do not expose already victimized females to state-authorized victimization through passage of this legislation. Thank you.

Linda Wilson

None

Palestine, TX

Do not allow to pass as is

Ricky Menking, Dr., USAF-Retired Lt. Col.

Self Retired

Calvert, TX

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force made up exclusively of members of the LGBTQ community to develop radical policies like seen in HB 191.

The philosophy that LGBTQ rights are more important than women's safety, most especially those trying to escape abuse, is absurd. Only twisted logic can justify such a philosophical approach and its likely impact on victims of abuse. I call upon my elected officials' sanity to vote no in the strongest terms to such abusive laws.

Loretta McDonald

self

BELLEVUE, TX

opposition to ban the Bible bills

Pamela McDonald

Self

Dallas, TX

I am opposed to this bill

Brenda Hagan

CHRISTIANS!!

Texarkana, TX

This Bill must not be allowed to pass. It is totally UnConstitutional to ban Religious Faith and/ or Books that are a central part of Religious Beliefs..The Bible is a Center of Christian Faith.. To try and ban it because LGBTQ people are Offended is taking a very small minority and trying to destroy the Rights of a Majority!! These acts of UnConstitutional and unlawful abandonment to a democratic mob ruling is just like Nazism and its Tyrannical Dictatorship that Hitler imposed upon the Germanic State to bring them under his control! THIS IS STILL AMERICA !! WHAT PART OF YOU SHALL NOT, DO YOU NOT UNDERSTAND!!

Patricia Kohler, Ms

Self

Livingston, TX

I say NO to this and ALL Ban the Bible Bills. How ridiculous, we are after all ONE NATION UNDER GOD! I believe this is what is missing in alot of our homes today and the new generation and the past and future generations need more God in their lives,maybe we could become a more tolerant and civilized society again.

Patricia Kohler, Ms

Self

Livingston, TX

God doesn't make mistakes!

Alice Pena

Self

Austin, TX

Banning the Bible is nonsense. It will backfire because it goes against the first amendment. You will be in essence deciding that a religion is undesirable. It is a back door method of establishing a religion. And you will do irreparable harm to persons you claim to protect. Will you also ban the Koran, or the Torah? If you ban this book then also ban the communist manifesto, Mao Red book, Mein Kamph and other similar "controversial books" I propose banning this useless bill.

Debra Dowdell, Mrs

Self/Family

Brookshire, TX

My family and I are ADAMANTLY opposed to HB 191 and HB 2045 as well as any Ban the Bible Bill. We reject these bills and are deeply offended by any measure of support given to them from our elected representatives. This movement/agenda should be shut down!! Immediately!!

Jim Pickens, Dr

Self

Houston, TX

I am strongly opposed to this bill. It disrespects the beliefs of Christians in the state of Texas.

Kaye Jameson

Self

Southlake, TX

This bill would make shelters totally unsafe for those most vulnerable in our society. Most of these shelters run on shoestring budgets but would be required to hire security, make updates to their facilities & many other unforeseen challenges & costs associated with adhering to this bill.

Someone needs to be an adult & admit how harmful this bill & those like it would be to women & children.

Thank you!

Kathy Minturn

A Texas voter

Irving, TX

Please please please do not pass any "ban the Bible" bill. Our country was built on establishing freedom of religion, which would include talking about your religion. The Christians I know would not vote for anyone who passed such a bill. Thank you for your time in reading this.

Melissa Henry

myself

Maxwell, TX

I oppose Ban The Bible bills HB191 and HB2045

I should have the right to my beliefs on marriage between a man and woman. I don't think it's right for you to push your beliefs on me. I don't think it's right for a biological male that identifies as a woman should be sleeping or using bathrooms or showers in womens shelters. I oppose to having to change my wording on how i refer to my mom and dad. This bill is absolutely absurd!

Harry Cochrane

Self - I am retired

Georgetown, TX

It is the natural instinct of normal men to protect and honor women. It is against the laws of nature and of my God to allow men to sleep in the same facilities as women unless they are married. You can change the law but you cannot change the instincts and desires of predators.

Peggy Bower, Mrs

Self—retired teacher/ homemaker

Austin, TX

It has been brought to my attention that if HB191 were to become law, it would theoretically allow a biological male who is desiring to become female to be housed in an abuse shelter with biological females, and occupy the same sleeping quarters. Were I in a situation where biological males were allowed to sleep next to me, I would be extremely uncomfortable, to the point of feeling endangered. Women in abusive situations already have emotional stress, and the whole point of a shelter is to relieve her of some of that stress. There should be separate facilities for gender-confused people who feel threatened. HB2045 would create a task force made up of LGBTQ people whose sole mission would be to create radical policies, changing our society to only encourage more gender confusion.

Sharissa Schwenke

self marketing assistant

Amarillo, TX

I do not believe it is constitutional to limit our speech or religious freedom of association in any way. No one should be prevented from speaking or expressing any opinion or belief. Freedom of speech is for all or there is no freedom at all.

Liz Paulette

self

New Braunfels, TX

Texans should identify as a man or a woman. Science proves that humans are born either male or female. We don't have any other genders.

Sue Wall, Mrs.

Self

Azle, TX

Men should be housed with men. Women should be housed with women. The genders created by God must be honored and protected at all cost.

Gloria Istre
Self Disabled
Baytown, TX

I strongly believe that allowing biological men sleeping in a religious homeless shelter or abuse shelters, goes against any morals and values. And against religious christian rights.

Therese Spina
self- editor, designer
New Braunfels, TX

To allow biological males into private areas reserved strictly for women is insanity! It is unsafe, troubling, and problematic to say the least! Kindly kill this bill before it becomes law.

Thera Nance
Self
Giddings, TX

Vote No. Do not let biological men in women abuse centers. That action puts those women in possible danger.

Allison Henson
Self/ common sense
Fredericksburg, TX

Ridiculous. Do NOT allow men and women sleeping next to each other in same shelters. No no no! That's traumatizing for many.

Miguel Jacinto
Self
Sugar Land, TX

I am against this bill because it's discriminatory to people of faith. It violates our constitutional rights of free speech. Do not vote on it.

Kelly Simmons
Myself
Austin, TX

Our country was founded on Biblical principles. We need to respect our traditional values and protect the defenseless in the shelters; women and children!

Mike Manning
SELF. Retail Sales
Magnolia, TX

I am against any verbiage included in this bill that reduces access to the Holy Bible, its teaching or speech

Virginia Lynch, Ms.
Self
Tyler, TX

Government should not interfere with religious organizations. Persons should be grouped with those of their biological gender at birth.

Merri Michaels
60+ years Texas resident
Houston, TX

I strongly object to HB 191 that has been filed with intent to attack my right to live out my faith according to biblical beliefs and my conscience.

Hiding under the guise of "sexual orientation and gender identity" (SOGI) language, HB 191 seeks to create dangerous government power to ban free expression of personal and biblical beliefs, especially its teaching on marriage and sexuality.. This bill is clearly wrong as it is a violation of my constitutional rights.

I ask that you oppose HB 191 seeking to criminalize the free expression of biblical values, my personal religious values, and which attempts to give special protections based on "sexual orientation and gender identity."

Laura McDonald
self/retired
Mansfield, TX

HB 191 by Rep. Diego Bernal (D) would have the effect of forcing religious homeless shelters to allow biological men to sleep next to women in abuse shelters. I am adamantly opposed to this ridiculous idea. Women who have already experienced abuse might be less likely to seek such shelter for fear of being with a biological man, regardless if he views himself as a woman. This is a terrible idea that needs to go away.

Judy Hulsey, Mrs.
Self / Retired
Lindale, TX

May this bill never pass! Women who have been abused don't need anything to disrupt their healing from abuse. A safe house needs to be just that - SAFE. Allowing any males in a women's safe house removes their protection.

Harriett Massey

Self

LA MARQUE, TX

I do not support or condone this bill in any way. It is designed to take away rights not expand them.

Katherine Listi

self

Dallas, TX

Enforcement of housing discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression goes both ways. Everyone needs a place to stay but to force people of different orientation, identity or expression to be in shelters for the homeless altogether creates problems for some. Let the birds of the feather flock together rather than risk inappropriate advances or outright sexual abuse.

Susan Harbaugh

Self/ Homemaker

East Bernard, TX

Sir:

HB 191 is a direct assault on my and every Texan's God-granted right to free religious expression, freedom of speech and freedom of conscience. The passage into law would directly threaten every Texan by denying them the free expression of their deepest convictions, and be a grievous wrong inflicted on the citizens of this state. I am asking that you reconsider how you can best serve the people of Texas. I heartily believe HB 191 will be harmful to each of us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mary Walker

Self

Plano, TX

There is something morally and ethically wrong for anyone to allow Adult males to sleep/shower etc in a single sexed housing shelter, (Male or Female only). One may respect a persons choice of identity, however, when it comes to a residence/shelter/housing for all women or all men should be just that based on the physical bodily (the born gender) of the person, not based on the feelings of what gender they desire to be. This is very dangerous and should not be allowed.

Lisa Weber

self

Katy, TX

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next to women in abuse shelters.

Alma Hallworth, Mrs.

Self

Round Rock, TX

Please Oppose HB 191 by Bernal:

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Arturo Garcia, Retired Civil Servant

Self, retired civil service

Corpus Christi, TX

the need of the many out weigh the needs of the few! Remember who elected you, it was not the 1% that elected you it was the 99%.

Joy Gautney

Self / Home Health Aide

Mesquite, TX

Honorable Legislators,

I do not support HB 191 and ask that you do likewise and vote no on this bill. It would have the effect of forcing religious homeless shelters to allow biological men to sleep next to women in abuse shelters. Religious or not, this is a dangerous consideration, would be a disservice to abused women, and further put women at risk for potential abuse. These women are already traumatized by men. Many would simply not use a shelter if they knew they may be forced to share spaces, and or sleep in close quarters with a man, and an unknown man at that. I know I wouldn't if I were in that situation. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Billy Adams, US Citizen

Self

Somerset, TX

Strongly oppose HB191

JOHN GANTT, PASTOR
GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
BRYAN, TX

I AM OPPOSED TO THIS PIECE OF LEGISLATION.

H Spears
self
Austin, TX

Under no circumstances should this bill be passed!!
There has been significant opposition to this bill by the Texas public.
Please do NOT ignore the voice of the people who are in the majority on this matter & who oppose this bill.
This bill would create dangerous government power to ban free expression of biblical beliefs, opening up Texans to face fines, possible jail time, and other criminal charges -- this is wrong!!
Any & every bill, such as this bill, that seeks to criminalize the free expression of biblical values and give special protections to other specified groups, should be vehemently opposed & thrown out!
Thank you for your time.

Richard Irvin, Mr
self
Big Spring, TX

No matter what they claim a man is a man and a woman is a woman and nothing can change that. All the democRATs are doing with this garbage is bending over backwards to get their votes.

SHARON HOPKINS
self - AA Customer Service Representative
Keller, TX

I oppose this bill which would force religious homeless shelters to allow biological men to sleep next to women in abuse shelters. This in itself will foster further abuse.

Linda Steininger
Self Retired Teacher
Deer Park, TX

God does not make mistakes. If you are born a man you are still a male even if you dress or identify as a women. If men aren't allowed in housing then follow the biology. It is an error to change man's laws so that they no longer respect Biblical principles. We are living in time of God's judgement because America's ways have strayed so far away from God's laws. If you aren't familiar with Bible consult a clergyman. Your first job is to govern within God's laws.

Mike Smith

Self

Jacksonville, TX

I oppose HB 191.

Stephen Sequeira

Self (database report analyst)

Salado, TX

HB 191 is a wolf in sheep's clothing. It purports to advance the cause of justice, but in fact does the opposite.

The First Amendment prohibits Congress, or indeed any law-making entity, from prohibiting the "free exercise" of religion. This patently is not restricted to houses of worship, otherwise First Amendment protections would vanish as soon as one stepped outside. No, the "free exercise" of religion means the freedom to live according to one's sincere and deeply held religious beliefs in every sphere of life, whether in an individual capacity or in cooperation with other like-minded citizens.

Yet HB 191 would trample on this constitutional protection. Section 8 of this bill attempts to strip religious organizations and non-profits of their freedom to apply moral criteria – informed by their sincere and deeply held religious beliefs – to occupants of their residential facilities.

This would have the effect of making void any religious test for housing by a religious organization or non-profit in their own residential facilities – which, on its face, is a blatant violation of the First Amendment. If their religion teaches that there are only two sexes, that these sexes are fixed at conception, and that sexual desire is naturally ordered toward members of the opposite sex; and if HB 191 criminalizes excluding people from housing who reject or flaunt these principles; then, ipso facto, a religious organization or non-profit cannot prefer members of its own religion in its housing decisions. This is inimical to the letter and spirit of the First Amendment.

There is another problem with this bill that is even more insidious because it endangers the physical safety of women, including some of the most vulnerable members of our society.

Section 10 would force schools, rescue missions, rehabilitation programs, domestic violence shelters – in short, any program which provides housing, even those that are privately run and operate according to religious principles – to place a gender-confused person in the residential facility corresponding to the gender of their choice.

Practically speaking, this would mean that men who believe they are women – and even men who don't believe they are women, but are "perceived" (according to the bill's text) not to conform with "commonly associated" markers of the male sex – must be allowed to sleep alongside women, enter women's restrooms, and use women's showers and locker rooms.

This puts every female resident at risk of being raped, assaulted, or harassed by men in the very spaces where they should expect the most safety and protection. Again, it should be emphasized that the bill does not require that a person's so-called "gender identity or expression" be sincere or even verified by a licensed physician or mental health practitioner. A man can simply say he's a woman, or pretend to act like one, and HB 191 would require that he be housed with women.

This is madness. Vote NO on HB 191.

Allan McClelland

self

Waxahachie, TX

I oppose the passage of HB 191

Trinity Caver, Pastor

Self, Trainer

Belton, TX

This bill is hiding in the guise of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and/or gender identity or expression, but is really about limiting and outright banning people from having objections based on faith and the freedom to express their objection because of their faith. This bill would ban people of faith from stating their objections and severely limiting their freedom of speech, if not nullifying it. No one group should be allowed to nullify another group's freedom of speech or religion or lack of religion, that is a God-given right backed by the United States of America's Constitution.

Rae Campbell

self

Bastrop, TX

As your constituent, I am deeply concerned about multiple "Ban the Bible" bills, like HB 191 and HB 2045, that have been filed that would attack my right to live out my faith according to biblical beliefs and my conscience.

Hiding under the guise of "sexual orientation and gender identity" (SOGI) language, these bills would create dangerous government power to ban free expression of biblical beliefs, especially its teaching on marriage and sexuality. Texans who do not comply would face fines, possible jail time, and other criminal charges. This is wrong.

I ask that you oppose all bills that seek to criminalize the free expression of biblical values and give special protections based on "sexual orientation and gender identity."

Please support and publicly champion bills to protect religious freedom and biblical values.

Thank you for your time and service.

John Roberts

self/clerical

Austin, TX

The Democrat-led Texas House Urban Affairs Committee will hear two #BantheBible bills (HB 191 and HB 2045), TOMORROW, March 31 at 10:30 AM in room E1.026.

I oppose these bills.

Theresa Davis

Self

Jonestown, TX

I oppose this bill on the grounds of religious freedom.

Vickie Wilde

Self

Garland, TX

I strongly urge you to reconsider this evilness!!

Marion Campbell, Mr

Self

Katy, TX

Do not pass any bill that infringement of religion.

Jimmy Masten, Mr.

Self

Tyler, TX

I personally believe that such bills only serve to attempt to destroy families as defined and described clearly in written biblical language. I feel that HB191 and HB 2045 should be voted against.

Thank you for your service to the Great State of Texas.

Elvin Craig

Self

Houston, TX

I oppose the forcing religious homeless shelters to allow biological men to sleep next to women in abuse shelters!

Zephra E Reinitz-Brown, Ms

self, Office Manager/Payables Manager

La Porte, TX

I vehemently oppose this bill and anyone that supports it. It's time to stop this madness.

christine rendon

not a business

san Antonio, TX

not for this !!!!!!!!!!!

Jack Mimms

Self and many neighbors

McKinney, TX

191

Sherry Schlautdt, Mrs.

Self/teacher/homemaker/wife/mother

Lufkin, TX

Each one of the trillions of cells in the human body all have one pair of the 26 sets of chromosomes matched either XX for female or XY for male. There are no other biological sexes, no matter what surgical or hormonal procedures are used on a body to change one part of it. Forcing people of one biological sex assigned at birth to be housed/boarded with someone of the opposite biological sex assigned at birth is an infringement of freedom at a tyrannical level. It is not the government's duty to be making such personal and individual decisions. Therefore, no business/hospice/homeless shelter should be forced to relent their freedom to operate their establishment against their will and personal freedom, especially if it is privately owned and receives no government funding. Socialists, communists, fascists, and Nazis all began with this same premise. Let the LGBTQ sector open and operate establishments that cater to this particular desire and market. That is what the free market economy is all about - demand and supply. If there is a demand for this service, let the free market supply it. Do not legally mandate every enterprise to supply services to meet every person's individual value system. The free market system is not an equal opportunity employment service. If there is a need for that service, let someone with the same value system supply that service.

Rar Cardenas

Self

Corinth, TX

As someone who works for an NGO that rescues girls from sex trafficking, I am appalled and outraged about this proposed bill. This would put the most victimized and marginalized women at risk of further abuse as it would force religious homeless shelters to allow biological men to sleep next to women in abuse shelters. Anyone with common sense would be against this bill.

Mary Seberino, Conroe

Self/ Business Owner

Conroe, TX

This bill is an egregious infringer on the first amendment rights and a public safety concern. As a woman who has suffered from sexual assault myself, I cannot emphasize enough how emotionally damaging it would be to have a biological male in facilities meant to house women who have experienced sexual assault. I stand with fellow Texans to oppose any ruling which endangers women or seeks to discriminate against any woman. Religious freedom should be granted to any private organization, charity, business or church to define men and women according to their real gender given to them at birth. Texans will not stand for this type of abusive and ridiculous behaviour which seeks to confuse and potentially harm women and children. Stop the insanity and protect the rights of women by never voting this out of committee.

Gary Farmer

me and my family, my church and my friends

Houston, TX

It is unsafe for a biological male to be sheltered with any woman who is in crisis, has been assaulted or abused. It puts the female in incredible danger. A biological male who "identified" as a woman has already raped a female inmate when he was sent to a

woman's prison in Logan Illinois. More reports like this are happening every day. Do not let women be further abused by putting them in jeopardy.

Carol Hull

Self CPA

Midlothian, TX

I am writing to register my opposition to HB 191.

Sandy Kopalchick, Mrs

Self

Montgomery, TX

Please do Not approve this bill and put women's safety at risk for a small portion of the population free expression at their possible peril or expense.

Thank you for your serious Consideration of this serious safety matter.

Sandy

citizen ,wife ,mother ,grandmother, former teacher

Denise Gallucci

Self Retired

College Station, TX

I am completely against this legislation. Homeless shelters should not allow men and women to be sleeping in close proximity to each other. Religious homeless shelters should not be forced to go against their Biblical principles.

Nelda Meyer

Self/Retired

Farmers Branch, TX

Housing rules should not revolve around those who choose alternative lifestyles.

Waymon Culp

Self

Whitney, TX

Ya'll ban the Bible we ban you!!!Freedom of Religion is a Constitutional Right!!! Don't do it you'll be sorry in the long run!!

Dawn Campbell

Self

Little Elm, TX

Democrats are only fighting issues that matter. Freedom of religion is protected by the Constitution. Please do not pass this horrid legislation!

David Hogan

Self

Fort Worth, TX

I as a Texas citizen do not stand behind this legislation. It will strip away religious freedom from our citizens. Freedom of religion is NOT the same as the freedom to worship. Freedom of Religion is the freedom to practice your religion in your daily life including proclaiming it. Just as no one would dare to restrict how Muslims practice and proclaim their faith the same restrictions cannot be placed on Christianity.

Sylvia Murray, Ms

Self

San Marcos, TX

I oppose this HB 191 and want my voice heard.

Brenda Elledgd, Mrs.

Self

Glenn Heights, TX

I oppose these bills that prohibit individuals and faith-based organizations from living out or speaking their faith beliefs. I oppose forcing shelters and homes to make ladies share sleeping or bathroom space with biological males (identifying as female). Protected separate spaces for all is more respectful.

Latricia Jacobs

Self retired

Nacogdoches, TX

I am against this bill. I don't think being aware of sexual preference should be a factor in housing. It's ridiculous.

Mark Metcalf

Self retired

Mesquite, TX

If you feel compelled to go against the science of gender, and instead choose to support the lie someone chooses to believe about themselves, then you need to propose bills which will build separate shelters for all who are confused about their gender. And since the popular belief is the compassion and understanding of the lgbtq community, you should be able to house all of them in one "all inclusive" shelter at each location. If they choose to separate out into the other 17 genders within the shelter that would be up to them (but that sounds a little racist if you ask me).

The main point of my comment is biological men should never be housed with biological women, and the same thing goes for

letting biological women be housed with biological men.

This insanity has gone on long enough, someone with a mustard seed of common sense needs to stand up to this complete nonsense.

Lisette Amador- Engel, Ms.

Self, Retired

Rowlett, TX

Strongly, strongly oppose. Every one of these pro-LGBTQ+ bills end up punishing anyone with a contrary viewpoint and sacrifices the First Amendment on the altar of political correctness. This bill isn't about fixing any serious problem. Rather, it's about controlling and punishing anyone who disagrees.

James Embry

self/retired

Farmers Branch, TX

I oppose any legislation that would allow biological men to infringe on a woman's privacy.

Sandy Corder

Myself retired teacher

Del Rio, TX

I do not support this bill. LGTB groups should not have special privileges or rights.

Debi Abney

Self-employed massage therapist

Austin, TX

I respectfully ask that you stop this bill! It's very very dangerous for you and all those you love and all those we love and our beloved state of Texas. You will not have my vote if you support this bill.

Thank you

Cris Reyes

Self /Writer

Humble, TX

N/A

Debi Abney

Self-employed massage therapist

Austin, TX

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Thank you

Janis Pride

Self

San Angelo, TX

Just as LGBTQ do not want to infringement on their lives as civilians in this state, no infringement should be tolerated or upheld over spiritual messaging to a freely attended congregation. If a messenger delivers wording that is displeasing to an individual, they are free to attend elsewhere that do not message the same views. It is not infrequent that enemies of the Scriptures would not like what has stood for centuries, but they do have choices to not attend rather than fight against what others do believe.

Merrie Cardin, Sr. Pastor

Self

Granbury, TX

A person renting or in the business of housing should be free on the basis of freedom of conscience

Dennis Starnes

Self

McKinney, TX

HB 191 by Rep. Diego Bernal (D) would have the effect of forcing religious homeless shelters to allow biological men to sleep next to women in abuse shelters. This bill should should be voted down.

Lynn Henderson

Self

Austin, TX

This is disgusting. Texas wants and needs the Bible. Have you read.....John 3:16? Please do so!

Ellie Klipp

self - retired school teacher

Cedar Park, TX

All persons should be respected and allowed to rent regardless of their ideology. But in public facilities, the safety and dignity of biological women should prevail over a biological male's idea of his gender.

Haiyan Liu

self

cedar park, TX

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Byron Short

Self

Fairview, TX

I oppose the concept housing recipients based on a "stated" gender rather than biological gender as a general comment. I am particularly opposed to an government agency or entity forcing religious based facilities to violate their religious principles.

Jacqueline Tashenberg

Self - Retired

Stafford, TX

Gender identify should be a fact in housing. If a man has a penis he is a MAN as God intended. If a woman has a vagina she is a WOMAN as God intended. Females should be separated from Males in housing situations. NO BANNING OF THE BIBLE.

Elizabeth Strahan, Mrs.

None

Lumberton, TX

Banning of the Bible is not acceptable to me as an American. This country was formed by people seeking religious freedom to worship. We are losing what the Foundation of our nation was built on.

Robert Strahan

Self

Lumberton, TX

This country was founded on Christian beliefs. The Bible needs to be used more often, not less. I oppose this bill.

Leisa Connell

Self, Homemaker

Kingwood, TX

I oppose this bill, as it creates special protections which ban the free expression of Biblical beliefs, especially with regard to marriage and sexuality. Amending the Property Code to create "sexual orientation," "gender identity," and "gender expression" protected classes will cause women and children to not feel safe with biological men being allowed to sleep next to women in abuse shelters or dormitories, women's showers, locker rooms, and bathrooms and vice versa. This Bill is outrageous and should not be considered. It infringes on God-given rights, and common sense boundaries between the sexes in place throughout the

ages. Please protect religious freedom, women and children.

David Johnson, Mr.

Self / Scheduler

Granbury, TX

I do not agree with this bill proposal. People born as men and women should not be allowed to sleep together in group housing. The Bible is an important book that should not have restrictions tied to it.

Frances Banks, Citizen of Texas

Self

Spring, TX

I oppose HB191 and HB 2045. Also I oppose the Band the Bible Bill. I oppose erasing gender and allowing men who identify themselves as female to sleep next to women in shelters; use women public;; private, schools, or any restrooms that there should be a distinction by gender. Separation should be by birth/biological gender not what a person identifies with.

Catherine Grigg

Self - Women's Pastor

SAGINAW, TX

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Thank you for your time and service.

Tony Haden

JEHOVAH

Burkburnett, TX

To whomever it might concern! The first thing is America was founded on CHRISTIAN principles & beliefs! PERIOD, American people today, mostly believe & accept BIBLE, CHRISTIAN values! although, it is unfortunate to see MOST of these values & morals eroded away by an onslaught of a FEW wicked, evil people who want to FORCE "their " twisted view of sexual expression and gender identity and basically just a blatant desire to see Good decent American BIBLE values tossed aside! Sorry, you don't have any RIGHT to FORCE your perverse ideas on GOD FEARING TEXANS! Nor, do you have any RIGHT to Decide what is RIGHT & WRONG as regarding, what makes a Male a Male & a female a female! ALMIGHTY God, has made All this CRYSTAL clear in the BIBLE! but u say, you don't prescribe to these CHRISTIAN beliefs! Well, that's your Choice, but

the truth is You ain't GOD! & given your own Opinion or GOD'S ETERNAL truth, WE choose HIS TRUTH every time! you say, you want equality and inclusion for WHAT? housing and other Nonsense issues! No, these RIGHTS are already in place, for RACE, Religion, and gender! Which makes this a waste of time! A lousy excuse to push a sexual deviant desire to obtain a so called equal treatment. or to push the same thing for a man who THINKS he is a WOMAN or a Woman who THINKS it's a man! No, just because mainstream media & Hollywood's lousy stars think it's ok. DON'T MAKE IT RIGHT. nobody is STOPPING people from practicing their ILLICIT, PERVERSE lifestyle! what people do is their CHOICE. but, You WILL NOT STOP ME & MILLIONS more like me, from PRACTICING MY FAITH and SERVING the GOD I LOVE!

Candis Castle

self

Montgomery, TX

I respectfully ask you to vote against this bill. It would have the effect of forcing religious homeless shelters to allow biological men to sleep next to women in abuse shelters. I have served on the board of directors and volunteered at a Christian based homeless shelter. I cannot tell you how traumatic this would be for women staying at these shelters. Trust is so hard for them, and this would send them back on the streets.

Peggy McClain

Self

Bridge City, TX

Each person has the right to exercise their religious beliefs and these rights are guaranteed by the US Constitution because it recognizes that our first allegiance is to our God. Any laws that would infringe on our rights to behave according to our deeply-held religious beliefs should be rejected. HB 191 is a thinly-veiled assault on Christian beliefs and, as such, should be rejected.

Emily Augustine

Self, college student

Spring, TX

No, this would be easy for individuals to abuse and use to harm.

James Gray

Citizen

Magnolia, TX

This bill is horrible and needs to be thrown out. Vote no on this bill.

Jan Rogotti

Sekf

Waxahachie, TX

I respectfully request that you stop this bill. It would create a world where Christians could not live our life according to Biblical principles. It impedes our freedom of religion and its free exercise. Thank you for your consideration.

Dale Fessenden

self

Conroe, TX

Science supports the difference between biological males & biological females. You can't change science based on feelings or wishful thinking. HB 191 supports false narratives and must be rejected by thinking Texas legislators. Passage of these bill would endanger females, thus they must never be passed by the Urban Affairs Committee. Vote NO on HB 191!

Patti Feder

Self

Conroe, TX

Please oppose this bill and spend your time and out \$ on things that really matter to Texans like beefing up our electric grid and improving water.

Dennis & Tawanna Jenkins, Mr/Mrs

our family

Terrell, TX

We strongly object to the passage of any legislation wherein biological males would be allowed to share restrooms/shower facilities/sleeping facilities with biological females to whom they are not related. There have already been too many reports of violations of biological females by biological males in facilities heretofore reserved for biological females. This goes all the way down to the violation of a 5-year old girl by a biological male of approximately the same age who was allowed in the girls restroom. The insanity must stop!

Shirley Curry

Self - Retired

Conroe, TX

I ask you to Oppose all #BanTheBible bills that seek to criminalize the free expression of biblical values

And, Oppose all efforts to give special protections based on "Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity"

Rebekah Durham

Texas Values Action

Temple, TX

I want women to be safe from any molestation from biological men in abuse shelters and so am opposed to HB 191. Additionally, religious organizations should be able to follow their principles as they care for people who need their help.

Patrick Titterington, Mr.

Quali-T Farms Too

MARSHALL, TX

Really? I self identify as a female so I can sleep with women in a shelter. That is like a fox being allowed to self identify as a chicken so that he can sleep in the henhouse. Get serious on this, it's not discrimination, and it is certainly not common sense. As long as anatomically they are intact, they don't need to be sleeping with women and girls. It would be discrimination to allow them to sleep there and not allow any male to sleep with them. What brain or lack of basic human anatomy thought this one through? Oh, obviously it wasn't.

Sommer Carlin

My family

Aledo, TX

Oppose this bill and oppose banning the Bible

Nancy Woodall

The Woodall Family

Poetry, TX

Please vote against this bill to show support for religious freedom and the traditional family, Thank you.

Margaret Tamez

myself

Cypress, TX

Please use common sense when considering this bill. It is dangerous to women and girls to consider housing non-familial men with females, even men who say they are women. As an example, in Washington state, the prison system allowed men to be housed with women prisoners. The result was that an astounding number of women prisoners were raped by these men. True science recognizes that there are only 2 genders and that male and female are very different without the ability to truly change genders. Instead of considering mixed housing, the more sensible thing to do would be to encourage gender confused persons to seek psychological help for their condition.

Eunabeth Williamson

Self/Educator

Amarillo, TX

Any bill, no matter how well intentioned, that endangers, lessens, or tramples our religious freedoms should not be introduced let alone passed. If this bill would effectively penalize Christian believers for practicing our faith IT SHOULD NOT-MUST NOT PASS.

Elizabeth Dempsey

Self/Sales

Shenandoah, TX

This bill is very disturbing & is not what the citizens of Texas need. Texas has always been known to represent people with good moral values & of a sound mind.

Thank You

Mona Hook

Self

Montgomery, TX

Please vote AGAINST this bill!

Miriam Ylinen

Self mother

Trophy club, TX

Please do not support hb 191. It is not safe for our girls!! Please protect women!

Leonard Elbon

self

Magnolia, TX

After reading this bill it would have the effect of forcing religious homeless shelters to allow biological men to sleep next to women in abuse shelters. That's a lot like putting the fox in the hen house isn't it? I don't want to see something this destructive pass. I would like to see this bill voted down with a resounding NO.

Helen Preston

Taylor County Republican Party

Abilene, TX

Ban the Bible? Are you kidding? I am so infuriated that this is even being brought up for a vote in America!!! What we need here is much MORE Bible reading , not less, and if this were so, perhaps the Bible illiterates would not be headed for Hell.

Jennifer Miller

Self / pharmacist

Weatherford, TX

This bill is an attack on Texans right to live out their faith according to biblical beliefs and conscience.

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This bill needs to be killed as well as all other bills that seek to criminalize the free expression of biblical values and give special protections based on "sexual orientation and gender identity." This bill is an assault on religious freedom and biblical values. Shut it down.

Julia Russell

Self Homemaker

Austin, TX

Please vote against this bill. This bill puts women who have suffered abuse who are trying to find protection from men in a shelter at risk of further vulnerability. Any man seeking to abuse women can pretend to identify as a woman in order to gain access and violate the privacy and security of hurting women in a shelter.

Jena Masquelier

None

FRISCO, TX

Please- protect our women. Do not allow biological men to sleep near our women or children. Stop this abomination

Isela Arnett, Mrs

Self

Grand Prairie, TX

Housing men in a crisis shelter with women is so senseless.

Paula Crumpton

Self. Educator

Arlington, TX

Adamantly opposed to any bill that discriminates against Christians and defies the word of God.

Brian Russell

Self, Attorney

Austin, TX

I oppose this bill and urge all Representatives to oppose HB 191. Government intervention into private shelters is unconstitutional. The government should not be able to force a shelter to act in a manner that is inconsistent with the beliefs of the organization. The shelter should also not be forced to allow the entry of men who could further victimize the women seeking protection from abusers. HB 191 is a terrible bill that would cause harm rather than help.

Karen Mcconnell

Self

Converse, TX

This bill does not reflect my views as an American citizen nor does align with the constitution of The United States of America regarding Religious freedoms.

I am urging you all to vote Nay in this bill.

Denise Daniels, Mrs.

Self - Proud House Wife

Conroe, TX

If you want to create a situation of immorality , then let those who support this and that includes the representatives, senators and judges, pay for it from their own pockets. Leave the tax payers out of it. We have families to support and homes to care for. We do not need this added burden. That is why there are non-profit organizations. People should have a CHOICE on where their money goes. I do NOT support HB.

Cynthia Gorin

self

Conroe, TX

I oppose HB191. Do not waste your time on this nonsense. It infringes on a woman's rights to privacy and on religious freedom. It is a useless bill. Stop creating radical and useless policies.

Delora Jarrett

Self

Rowlett, TX

Please vote against this bill as it would be detrimental to women

Lidia Salazar, Mrs.

Self

Belton, TX

With all due respect, as a Texas citizen, I oppose HB 191 by Mr. Bernal. His bill undermines the protection of biological women and quite frankly I do not understand how he could support a biological man pretending to be a woman. The bible teaches that there are only 2 genders and science confirms that there are only 2 genders. Throughout the history of mankind this has been a given and people who claim to be in a different body are either experiencing a mental breakdown (and should receive the appropriate care for it) or are taking advantage of the situation. I fear this bill will cause more harm than good and women will end up in grave danger.

Lynda Gail Jones

Self - Retired Qualified Mental Health Professional/Case Mgr now Caregiver to Mother

Chireno, TX

Please protect biological women in religious shelters from being further traumatized by having biological men in the same room with them. Let the LGBTQ be given their own rooms. We have many faith based shelters providing needed services that should be able to operate under religious freedom guaranteed in the Constitution. This is not against the LGBTQ community, but simply about our right to religious freedom.

Shelton Boyd

Self

Merkel, TX

This is a disgrace to America. Men are men and women are women no matter who they think they are! The same principle applies to the shelter situation as it does to women's sports. The women should not be subjected to having to compete with someone that calls himself a woman for either a bed or a race!!

Cathy Sikes, Ms

Self

Humble, TX

Please do not vote for this bill- men and women need their own sleeping quarters! This may increase sexual abuse if passed

NICK WIGGINS

Self, Utilities Manager

TYLER, TX

It concerns me that legislation is being introduced that would legally put women in danger. My job as a man and a husband is to protect women and children. This proposal crosses lines and blends what should remain separate for numerous reasons. Also I do not want to use Texas money to fund a task force that further causes confusion and puts women in danger. This forced agenda is in my mind what Christians are accused of doing but now it's okay. We should keep government out of trying to force these agendas onto a group of people that is tremendously larger than the fraction of people that do want it. God will remove His hand of protection from this nation if things like this persist and no one will like those results. Please reconsider this legislation.

Karen Paschal

Private citizen

Bryan, TX

This bill will harm the safety of women and children. To accommodate those suffering from psychological deviant disorder.

Linda Gilbride

self

Conroe, TX

This is totally unacceptable and I ask you to vote NO! there has to be privacy, security and morally, it is WRONG!! Women should not be forced to have to share quarters with men they do not know. Neither should children be exposed to such arrangements. PLEASE VOTE AGAINST THIS BILL!

Zach Baker

Self, software developer

San Marcos, TX

This would have the effect of forcing religious homeless shelters to allow biological men to sleep next to women in abuse

shelters. I'm not okay with this !

Lydia LARBERG, Mrs.

Private Citizen

Cypress, TX

Placing biological males with biological females in shelters could present a danger to the safety of residents of said shelters.

Peggy Consolver

Peggy Consolver - Author

Plano, TX

I cannot pretend to understand all the particulars to each item here. BUT BE IT KNOWN, each person is guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution to be treated with dignity and respect regardless of their choices and life styles. And EACH PERSON IS GUARANTEED FREEDOM TO PRACTICE THEIR RELIGION while treating others with dignity and respect. Gender is MALE AND FEMALE. All other sub-categories are man/woman-made and do not require further legislation to make them legitimate. They practice theirs. I practice mine. I will treat them with respect. They respect me. End of discussion.

Joanne Hillman

Self

Spring, TX

Please vote against this terrible bill. The migrant crisis is bad enough without intermingling men and women.

Tina Beason

Self

Tyler, TX

Please vote no to these bills. Thank you

Mabel Mahfouz, Ms

self

Magnolia, TX

Please vote no and stop this bill

Annette Radvansky

Self- author

Spring, TX

Dear Texas Representatives, These bills (also 2045) are unconstitutional as they are against the first amendment of free speech. Please do not vote to pass these bills.

Thank you so much,
Annette Radvansky

Rod Willroth
Self
Spring, TX

In an effort to make a very small segment of the population safe, that being Transgender you are going to make a much larger segment of the population uncomfortable and perhaps at risk by pandering to the current wave. What happened to representing the majority? You were elected to represent the will of your constituency not your own whims!

Melody Cook
Myself
Missouri City, TX

This bill paves the way for putting women that seek shelter in harms way by allowing males who identify as a female to sleep and live in the same space. This opens the women up to not only physical danger but psychological torment as many women that seek assistance in a shelter have been sexually abused. I strongly oppose this bill and do not believe it is in the best interest of the people of Texas.

Janice Deets
Myself
Corsicana, TX

I oppose this bill

Sharon Freeman
self / retired
Houston, TX

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Please support and publicly champion bills to protect religious freedom and biblical values.

Thank you for your time and service.

Jaisson Louis

Self, Uber driver

Houston, TX

Good morning,

I'm all for shelter making more room for the homeless and getting them on their feet again to get them off the streets, BUT what forcing religious And women shelters to make room for men to be with women and especially women in abused shelters is opening a can of worms to ABUSE and many other immoral things.

Clifford Sewell, Licensed minister

The Bible

Johnson City, TX

This is Clifford Sewell Johnson City Texas I am asking you to vote against 191 do not pass it it is clearly leaving two infringement on religious freedom clearly forcing Christians and Christian organizations to go against the Bible's teachings of homosexuality

Rene'e Haynes

Self

Johnson City, TX

I ask you to vote AGAINST this bill! This could potentially have awful effects to the women that already have suffered much, already!
People regardless of how they "see" their selves should always be separated by how they were biologically born!
A bill like this could potentially be used to further victimize!! Please vote AGAINST this bill!!

Judith Olivarez

No organization. Just a concerned citizen.

Round Rock, TX

I am opposed to this bill because it would place homeless women in jeopardy. Some of these women have already been abused which would traumatize them more. Please do not let this bill pass.

Nancy Sedberry, Mrs

Family r us

Humble, TX

Allow people to serve who's in their heart to believe and serve..if you dont believe that's your right.Give me my rights

Danita Roe, Mrs

Self retired

Ira, TX

If you pass this bill , where are our rights? These people have been abused and need protection but this bill will abuse them more.

Cody Haynes, Pastor

Christian Churches and myself

Johnson City, TX

I ask you to vote AGAINST this bill!

This can potentially be a bill that would open end a dangerous situation by allowing men to sleep next to women in abuse shelters.

So men could prey on women that have been ALREADY victimized, and are fearful and vulnerable. There is so many ways this could be detrimental to society! Please vote AGAINST this bill!!

Karla Anders

Self/office manager

Lindale, TX

I oppose this bill. It is unconstitutional.

Laws should not force Religious institutions to violate their religious convictions.

Joyce Bills

Joyce Bills / retired photographer

Spring, TX

Please DO NOT VOTE FOR HB 191 BY BERNAL!!! Women with so many issues do not need to be forced to sleep next any biological man.

Susan Chandler

Retired teachers

Nacogdoches, TX

Please consider the majority of your constituents as you vote on these bills. I am tired of a small minority forcing their left wing, anti Bible agenda on the rest of us that believe in Biblical principle according to gender at birth. This seems like “open borders” for pedophiles. I consider these bills a waste of your time and another step toward the denigration of the majority. Stand strong against this!

Kyndra Yamaguchi

Self

Conroe, TX

As a survivor of domestic abuse, I find it unbelievable that anyone with a sound mind would consider allowing men in with women who've been abused already by those that are suppose to protect and love them only to be further filled with fear and anxiety when having to possibly face staying in a shelter where biological men will be allowed in with them. This is unacceptable. And it puts the woman and children with that woman in high risk of further abuse. We already hear of rape

happening where biological men are allowed in cells in prison with women. This is also against my Christian faith. Men and women are to be separate. There is nothing safe about what this bill seeks to do and I boldly request that you vote no on it. Thank you!

Johnny Nail, Major USAF/Deacon

Self

Splendora, TX

Thieve bills are forcing LGBTQ religion on others. Government is Constitutionally bound to keep it hands off of religious activities. We have each of us right to practice our religion as we feel. Most sane religions know that there are only 2 sexes and they are not to be mixed unless I

Kelley Inman

self

Conroe, TX

By the time a woman has the courage to expose her abuser she is completely broken mentally. By allowing a biological male the opportunity to invade any space deemed for women, you are encouraging continued abuse.

Chris McReynolds, Mr.

self, National Director for Chrysalis International

Del Rio, TX

Protect women in these shelters by NOT allowing biological males access to their sleeping quarters. This is one of the most basic courtesies and considerations that should be offered to women.

Charles Fletcher, Mr

Self

Marion, TX

I ask that you totally defeat these ridiculous Ban the Bible bills. Homosexuals should not be running any part of this great state of Texas. We are a Christian State and wholly believe and support our Lord Jesus Christ and ALL of His word. Our laws should oppose homosexual acts, not encourage them. Queer acts are not acceptable and should not be looked as legitimate.

Cindy McIntyre

Self

Conroe, TX

This bill does support my beliefs nor what is right nor moral & must not be passed.

Carolyn Lux

Self

Fredericksburg, TX

I am against the passage of this bill. It is not necessary.

Joyce Peterson

Self

Spring, TX

Ckearky perverted. We need to reinforce Christian, family values.

Connie Haedener

Self, dance teacher

Magnolia, TX

Please vote NO on this bill. In homeless shelters men should be with men in a dorm and women should be with women. Please DO NOT pass this bill

Ruthmary White, Mrs

Self

Montgomery, TX

Please vote NO to these 191 & 2045

Rebekah H, Ms.

self

Willis, TX

This would highly raise the potential of the occurrence of sexual abuse. Please do not allow this to go through.

Laura Hanks

Self

Dayton, TX

I am against this bill. A biological man does not have the right to say he is now a woman and then be housed with biological women. Look at the science their are physical differences between men and women that proves what gender you are. If your mind is telling you something different that would be a mental problem you have within yourself. So you do not get to supersede your issues onto the rest of the normal functioning world. You should seek council, no one should be encouraged to change genders. What will be next? If you can change genders can you also change into a dog or a cat. Most people would agree that someone who feels they are a cat instead of a human would have a mental disorder. How is changing genders any different. This is all about saving people's feelings, guess what you cant always go off of feelings. You have to look at facts. And the fact the is that if you are born with male genitalia you are a man. If you are born with female genitalia you are a woman, it is that simple. Please do not pass this bill it infringes upon the rights of the majority of society who live in the real world of facts. Feelings can not govern our lives because that is a slippery slope.

Carokyn Mink

Self

Waxahachie, TX

Please protect our Bible Gods Word and freedom of religion.

Merri Michaels

Myself, Texas resident of 60+ years

Houston, TX

I strongly oppose HB 191 filed by Diego Bernal on three counts: 1) This is an attempt to foist an experiment in social engineering on Texans. 2) It is a violation of my constitutional right to exercise my personal beliefs relating to religious philosophy, and 3) It compromises my right to support (financially through donation or otherwise) social relief programs in which I hold confidence of how my support will be used, without violation of the purpose intended, which I would consider fraud.

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Gerald Kieschnick, Rev. Dr.

Self---CEO of Legacy Deo/Lutheran Foundation of Texas

Georgetown, TX

My family, organization and I are strongly opposed to this Bill. It is not in accordance with creative order and clearly opposed to common sense to allow biological males to shelter with in women's abuse shelters.

R Bingham

self

Frisco, TX

Please oppose this bill. Thank you!

Lucia Teinert

self retired

Conroe, TX

As a Texas citizen I want to remind the House that you represent us the people and that we stand against this bill and all others that would take our religious freedom from us. Freedom to make decisions based on our personal faith is one of the reasons this nation was formed. HB 191 contains wording that would threaten that freedom.

Judy Perry, Ms

Self

Waco, TX

As a Christian, I object to this bill because it takes away Christians' religious rights! It's okay for them to believe what they want

to about themselves but their personal do not supersede or take away others beliefs.

Jim Young

Self / construction company owner

Conroe, TX

This bill is a disaster for faith based housing projects.

I do NOT support this bill and I will fight to get whomever votes for this Bill primaried out of their elected position.

Joel Leaver, PO 1stClass, AD1(AW/MTS) US Navy Ret.

SELF, JMLUSA1 Racing; Motorcycle Safety/Rider Instructor

Gatesville, TX

I believe it is Absolutely Essential the Core Values found in the Bible Should Be Available to Teachers and Students in Every place in the World. More Specifically, any Language Banning the Bible is ABSOLUTELY Unconstitutional, and Flies in the Face of the Core Beliefs this Wonderful Country was Founded upon! VOTE NO on ANY Legislation Banning the Bible, It's Values and Beliefs.

These are The Values And Beliefs I Fought to Defend, Along with Your Right To Choose!

Do NOT FORCE YOUR CHOICES Upon ANYONE ELSE!

Please, VOTE NO on HB 191, and HB 2045.

Warmest Regards and GOD BLESS YOU, GOD BLESS AMERICA And GOD BLESS TEXAS!

Joel Leaver

Jeff Tisdale, Mr

Personal

Victoria, TX

Pleased vote against this bill

Leslie Isbell

Family

Conroe, TX

Hear the voice of the people! We object strongly to this bill, and urge you to not let out pass!

Lisa Sanders

Self retired

Granbury, TX

If passing this bill would allow biological males to sleep next to biological women and share bath facilities, I am strongly against this in all forms. Catering to a transgender at the sake of all others who are not transgender is infringing on their safety and rights.

Shawn Kretz

Citizen

Magnolia, TX

Please do not allow this to advance regardless of what people want to think this is a Christian based country. Please vote against this bill.

Sharon Johnson, Mrs

Self

Bryan, TX

We have freedoms in this country, the most prominent of these is freedom of religion. If the group providing the housing believes in separating biological genders then they should have that right. This is the freedom our nation was founded on. Just as the person staying in this place has the right to leave and go where they are more comfortable

Linda Blount

Mrs.

Round Rock, TX

As a woman, I have serious concerns about biological men being able to sleep next to women. Christian groups which have abuse shelters should not be made to accommodate this kind of situation. Neither should other abuse shelters be made to accommodate this kind of activity either. For Christian groups this kind of situation would go against their standards (which comes from the Christian Bible) to protect women from potential harm. Most women are shy around other people much less the opposite sex in sleeping situations (even if they slept in their street clothes). The idea of an abuse shelter is to give a place of refuge and protect women from their spouse or other male who would hurt them or their children. I oppose this legislation.

Kimberly Brezik

Self

Conroe, TX

Please protect our women. Do not allow biological men access to women who cannot protect themselves. Men who want to take advantage of women can pretend to identify as a woman to gain access to intimate quarters with unbeknownst women.

Sammye Mardis

Self

Cleveland, TX

As a Christian and as a citizen of Texas I am in total opposition to HB 191. This bill does not serve the interests of the majority of citizens of this state. I oppose any effort to pander to a small minority to the detriment of those whose lives would be affected. I further urge the members of the Urban Affairs committee in the Texas legislature to oppose this bill.

Sharon Davis

Christ the King Church/Mercy Ministries

Conroe, TX

I strongly object to HB 191 and request that this bill will NOT be passed. Thank you.

Joseph Hartness
Self, Every Christian Texan
Hutto, TX

HB 191
HB2045
Dear Chairman, I've been startled to learn yet, another Proposal is before the Legislature advocating that the Bible be banned in Public Gatherings!
Such is too abhorrent to comprehend! To "ban the Word of God" is to deny our very creation and humanity, and these Bills MUST NOT BE ADOPTED!
No honorable person (Texan) should even consider proposing this, and I trust your Committee disapproves both these outrageous Measures! Thank you.
Joseph Hartness
Hutto, Texas

Lisa Balli, Mrs
Livingway. Church
Brownsville, TX

Just need to be respectful of each other women go in the women section men go in the men section and respectively whatever other choices go in the miscellaneous section

Whitney Pent
Myself
Fort Worth, TX

Please do not let this senseless bill pass. What kind of world are we living in that you would even consider this??

Marjorie Schinke, Ms
self
Livingston, TX

People born female or male should not be forced to sleep next to each other. They should be in separate rooms I oppose this bill

Barbara Maseberg
Barbara J. Maseberg, self, Attorney
Houston, TX

I oppose both HB 191.. Why is a special class being made to overturn the values on which this nation was founded?

HB 191 would have the effect of forcing religious homeless shelters to allow biological men to sleep next to women in abuse

shelters. This removes any protection for women who have escaped abuse and are in shelters because of desperate circumstances. Why do we promote all welfare of all the people, only to remove it by allowing women to be in harm's way? This is non sensical, irrational and will promote potential criminal acts. What about the #Metoo movement? If I were a woman in a shelter who had escaped an abusive relationship, I would be horrified to find myself on a cot next to a man. Protecting and promoting a certain class of people (probably less than 1%) is harmful and leads to other problems. There are shelters for men--there is no need to place them with women. The woke crowd has become comatose to common sense.

David Percy, Mr.

Self

Midland, TX

I object to this bill from Bernal. Housing biological women and men together is unthinkable.

Heather Stahlman

Self/ Stay At Home Mom

Willis, TX

Representative Bernal,

As a fellow Texan, I am very concerned about your proposal of HB 191 and the effects that it would have on all Texans. I oppose this bill in all of its measures. This bill defies God and His laws concerning all people. We were made in the image of God, and He creates both male and female. Science proves that we are either male or female. To go against God and the science of gender, would bring a curse on those who choose to do so. Allowing men or women who "identify" as the opposite sex to have access to the opposite sex allows for gross opportunity for that person to take advantage and harm those surrounding them. Repent and remove this bill or fall under God's wrath.

Sincerely,

Heather Stahlman

Diane Nielsen

Care Scouts

The Woodlands, TX

This is crazy and not Texas values. Men and Women sleeping together in the same shelter is not acceptable. I am against HB191

Kimberly McFadden

Self

Buda, TX

Absolutely insanity to allow a biological male to sleep in a shelter for abused women. There is no way you can guarantee even a safe haven for abused women and children with biological males in the same shelter. Please reconsider the consequences of such a choice. Please keep in mind the numbers of abused women far outweighs the number of transgender 'women'. Let's get back to doing what's best for the majority and not the minority. You are taking about jeopardizing the safety and sanity of abused women for the sake of less than 5% of the population. This is unconscionable.

Jamie Swearingen

Self

The Woodlands, TX

Forced housing of LGBTQ in all shelters is not right. Religious and private shelters should be able to accept whom ever they feel is a good fit for their facility. If this bill is passed it will force them to let a biological man sleep next to women and children and no right minded person thinks that is right.

Kara Trissel

self- self employed

Jonestown, TX

Please oppose this bill. It is unacceptable that it could lead to biological males sleeping next to abused women.

Connie Towle

Self

Willis, TX

I am against this bill

Curt Simpson

self not working

Georgetown, TX

We have male and female humans.

If you believe there are aberrations to that biological fact, you need help. Instead of using our tax dollars to "accommodate" these individuals, how about some COUNSELING?????? We already have discrimination laws. START with our school systems showing the insanity of this train of thought.

Linda Tisdale

Texas Resident

Victoria, TX

Homeless shelters are temporary housing, and people of opposite sex shall not be permitted to in any way infringe on the rights of any homeless person for secure housing free from sexual influences.

Maria Hammerlein

Self

Kerrville, TX

I am asking the committee to vote no on the bill. There are already no discrimination laws on the books. This will create a situation where we ever a more than equal group from the general public.

Nancy Colvin

Self- Retired

The Woodlands, TX

I am not in favor of this Bill.

Charlene I Kuprel

Prosperity Hidalgo

Edinburg, TX

You cannot FORCE biological HB men who think they are women to be housed with with women. This must carefully evaluated for the protection of the women.

Patricia liepke

self

fairview, TX

Please do not pass this bill. It will lead to homeless committing fraud and falsifying information.

Tom Nobis

self - retired

Houston, TX

I am Against this bill. There are many aspects to housing including abused women's shelters and low income or homeless shelters. To place biological men, in abused women's shelters is unconscionable. Women in these situations are trying to escape difficult surroundings and you would put them in a situation where they have to deal with more issues. Low income or homeless shelters are often operated by religious organizations. Requiring Religious Organizations to operate against their sincerely help beliefs is against Freedom of Religion guaranteed by the Constitution. For these reasons, I urge you to leave this bill pending in committee and vote against passage.

Sue Carter

Retired

Ennis, TX

HB 191 by Rep. Diego Bernal (D) would have the effect of forcing religious homeless shelters to allow biological men to sleep next to women in abuse shelters. HB 2045 by Rep. Ray Lopez (D) would use your taxpayer dollars to create an LGBTQ task force made up exclusively of members of the LGBTQ community to create radical policies like seen in HB 191. Your comments regarding these two bills do not tell the full story. You should tell the facts of what the bills will actually do when passed as a law. Any bill that puts restrictions on religious homeless shelters that is diametrically opposed to their moral and ethical conduct should never be passed in the state of Texas. I understand that there are those who are influenced, either by society, mental disorder or other to identify with the LGBTQ community. However, this community or any representation of it is not the major moral way of thinking. They should not be in a position to dictate or try to force their opinions on the public at large via bills that are not appropriate for the public at large. There are only 2 sexes - Male and Female that have been created. Every LGBTQ individual represents a deviant of that sex. And, their goal is not acceptance of their deviation but rather dominance on society.

Please, become fully aware of this goal and do not vote for any bill that forces their ideas on the public at large. Thank you.

Thomas Meador

SELF

The Woodlands, TX

I strongly oppose the intent and content of this House Bill 191. HB191 is not consistent with values and principles of Texas' citizens.

Please do not pass this bill.

Caroly Lyo

Self

Spring, TX

As I understand this, the bill will have the effect of forcing religious homeless shelters to allow biological men to sleep next to women in abuse shelters. I strongly oppose this bill. Please vote against HB191.

Reese Mitchell

Self, Retired

The Woodlands, TX

My wife and I oppose this proposal as it infringes on our Christian rights.

Kelli Noriega

Self

Willis, TX

Representative Bernal,

As a fellow Texan, I am very concerned about your proposal of HB 191 and the effects that it would have on all Texans. I oppose this bill in all of its measures. This bill defies God and His laws concerning all people. We were made in the image of God, and He creates both male and female. Science proves that we are either male or female. To go against God and the science of gender, would bring a curse on those who choose to do so. Allowing men or women who “identify” as the opposite sex to have access to the opposite sex allows for gross opportunity for that person to take advantage and harm those surrounding them. Repent and remove this bill.

Sincerely,
Kelli Noriega

Misty Odenweller

America Today: What can I do?

Spring, TX

You can not hide the fact that you are trying to ban the Bible in your wording. I do not support your bill and I urge you to drop

this evil plot to make Christians more of a target than they already are. You are not speaking for the majority of Texans and we will not stand silently by as you continue to corrupt our state and aim to destroy our way of life here. In addition, if this were to pass, it would lead a path to other states following suit. I assure you, politically, you will regret your push on this bill as we will mount a campaign to have you replaced in your seat.

TOM COBB

SELF

Colleyville, TX

Texas should only regard the biological gender of a person when making public policy. No other basis of gender is workable or right. It is a perversion of nature and an affront to nature's God to do otherwise. No culture can long survive if it embraces what God has says is wrong. No state policy should should ever align itself with choices or beliefs that contradict God's Word. God will not be mocked.

Elaine Talley

“Self” -Retired

Conroe, TX

I strongly oppose forcing biological Women being made to sleep beside Biological males. This is outrageous! We are trying to force the public to agree and accept something that is not normal even by doctors standards. Before long we will be saying Pedofiles are normal and that they should have access to our children. We must return to right and wrong. I will not vote for anyone running for office who goes along with this type of ruling that makes those who have chosen a perverted way of life normal and force those who do not to sleep beside them. Elaine Talley

Russell Pennington

Self

Amarillo, TX

I do not believe this would be in the best interest of our homeless population especially for woman and children who are the most vulnerable group in that population.

Elizabeth Tomlinson, Mrs

Self

Henderson, TX

We currently have discrimination laws on the books. Why continue to set aside and separate a group of people for individual laws when the are covered under current laws on the books. Enforce the current laws sounds like a better idea.

Alice Cox, Dr

Mydekf

Paris, TX

I vehemently oppose this bill

Leonard townley, voter
self

Houston, TX

help

MaryBeth Kenis, Mrs
Self, Publisher, International Business Solutions, Inc
Lakeway, TX

Can you imagine an abused woman having to sleep next to a biological man (transgender M2F) in an abuse shelter?? For some women this could/would trigger trauma. PLEASE don't allow this. I am not anti-trans. My bio daughter is trans ... F2M ... and I understand the discrimination & heartache of trans. However, my other daughter is a sexual abuse victim/survivor ... so I deeply understand the king term trauma of abuse. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE find a different solution for our trans community! Thank you!

Dianne Shannon
Self and like minded people, retired
Georgetown, TX

Please do not pass this bill. Putting already vulnerable people at risk of being abused by the opposite sex in shelters would be a disgrace. Any bill that demands male and female to be treated as whatever they choose to be would be against biblical principles and my ideals. Having a granddaughter attending college I would certainly not appreciate men using the same open restrooms as women just because they decided they were a woman that day. Please don't take away any more of our country's moral basis.

Jonie Ochoa, Physical Therapist Assistant - FFS
self-employed
Spring, TX

Please stand in opposition to this proposal. It would put already-traumatized females at further risk mentally, physically, and psychologically. Someone with ill-intent could be in same areas as females who have just escaped t rauma and maybe deadly situations. Also, the likelihood of male attackers impersonating females to gain access to their victims, is real. Also consider the unknown health conditions, with unknown COVID exposure, which could be highly contagious, coming from persons with differing sexual orientation who have been possibly in highly unsafe conditions.
Please OPPOSE this bill and allow positive recovery to continue.

Debra Collins
self retired
New Braunfels, TX

I am opposed to this bill. Do not pass.

Mariann Siegert

Self

Spring, TX

This is a dangerous Bill for women and will put them in extreme danger. Please protect me and all other women by voting no to this bill.

Tiffany Dancer

self

Sherman, TX

Please support HB 191 by Bernal. Housing discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identification or expression should not be tolerated. Everyone deserves to have an opportunity to have housing regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identification, or gender expression. By not passing this bill, you are allowing inequality, bias and hate to remain.

Rachel Carey, LPC

Child and Family Guidance Center

Sherman, TX

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Brian Carlin

self homebuilder

Aledo, TX

If one is renting a guest house to someone on their property, there are legitimate safety concerns that may be at play if, for example, a woman is at home alone all day and does not want to rent that space to a biological male, regardless of expression. Additionally, it is a violation of religious expression to require action (not otherwise or heretofore unlawful) on behalf of a religious body that runs contrary to the creeds of that religion. This is foundational, and I can't imagine Texas capitulating on such basic constitutional premises. There are additional safety and privacy issues at play in homeless shelters w/ respect to biological sex. The whole bill should be tossed, and Texas should not follow suit in enshrining in legislation new rights, and protected status which should not be, and does not need to be, protected.

Regis Giles

Self

Austin, TX

Dear representatives,

I am a resident of Austin, TX, and am very concerned for the welfare of women and children housed in our shelters.

The life of battered and homeless women is built on layers of distrust and a constant fight to survive. We all have seen the homeless populations rise in our city. These individuals deserve to have a safe space to recline and recollect themselves. Adding a biological man into their living environment will not give these women the sense of security they need.

I've trained and taught self-defense to trafficked girls and women. I've seen how important it is for them to feel secure in their new living environments; so they can become a free individual, once again, in spirit, mind and body.

Do not take this security and peace-of-mind away from these women! They need it more than you could ever realize.

Your concerned constituent,

Regis Giles

Ginger Russell

self

MAGNOLIA, TX

This bill is absolutely horrible and needs to be shredded.

Stop trying to destroy this country will fabricated lies.

Judith G Jones

Glory of Zion Intl, THEHUBDFW, FTW EAGLES, DFW Prayer Force

Fort Worth, TX

This is against the will of the people, common decency, Godly morals and common sense. Vote NO!

April Galvin

Myself/Texas

amarillo, TX

People have a right to refuse to allow anyone to rent occupy or buy residences. Especially seeing that others are refusing services to those not wearing masks. Have even put it it policy which goes against the constitution. Making people human beings in the United States are discriminated against every day. Like I can't talk to the business who has our house loan even though I signed all the paperwork my name is on it same with the car, that is discrimination. Making laws or more rules doesn't change what people choose to do and forcing people to agree or go along with other peoples lifestyles isn't ok. We as Americans have choices is isn't supposed to be forced on us to choose what those in government service jobs to tell us what we can and cannot do. Government is supposed to be be in service to the people not the other way around. There are stores I try to go into who won't allow me to by or speak to me due to my gender and skin color. Yet peoples lifestyles are important to preserve that are immoral,degenerate and hurt themselves.

Robert Lannon

self

Austin, TX

I oppose this bill. Common sense requires separation of the biological sexes if requested by those involved. God created a man and a woman and that should be the criteria.

Daniel Boehm
Express Employment Professionals/ Self
Plano, TX

Also HB 2045

William Elmer
ADHOC
Huntsville, TX

Being a Christian, believing in the bible as the authentic Word of God, I ask you to vote AGAINST this awful bill.

MARKLIN JONES, BSN,RN,CWON
Gzi, the HUB DFW, FTW EAGLES, DFW Prayer Force
FORT WORTH, TX

The Misleading Labels of Immoral bills to legitimize a peculiar minority forcing unrighteous choices on the minority is a shame upon America and its citizens. Vote NO!

Theresa Stubblefield
Self
Grand Prairie, TX

This is an overreach and needs to be disposed of immediately ... our Constitution guarantees us the right to Freedom of Religion and by passing a bill that does not allow that right has no place in Texas or in the World. if you don't believe in God the Creator or Jesus Christ the Son, then don't but do NOT prevent anyone from choosing to express that belief by banning the Bible or any banning of freedom of Religion. Let the Bible be cherished by those who believe in it and let those who choose not to believe have their freedom as well ... but because our Christian beliefs do not include same sex marriages or transgender identities does not mean we don't love these citizens and pray for them and all Texans. This is a lie that is perpetuated by the liberals and has no legal place in our laws.

Aaron Trott, Mr.
Self
Shenandoah, TX

I strongly oppose this bill. It discriminates against people of faith and is unacceptable for passage in the great state of Texas.

Juanita Gonzalez
St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church
Cedar Park, TX

We are Christian and need the bible to guide us. God creates us as He wants us. Please do not make it easy to change the sex of

children. I will pray for all our leaders. Listen to God

Julie Skotak

self - administrative assistant

Irving, TX

I am opposed to this bill because it creates new government power to ban the free expression of my Christian beliefs. It takes away my freedoms and elevates those who don't share my beliefs and values to a higher status of freedom.

Nubia Devine, Mrs.

ESTHER COUNCIL

Austin, TX

Dear Representative,

Protecting women rights and their safety should be a priority to you and all elected officials. Biological males do not belong in women's bathrooms much less in women shelters, where the majority of the women are there because of physical abuse. It is insensitive and a prejudice to allow biological males to endanger women and little girls and boys to more abuse. I am asking you to please protect the majority of women and children from a small minority of men that should be placed on mental health facilities to get the help they need.

Please say NO to HB 191 and HB 2045

Gladys Havel, Mrs.

Self retired teacher

Austin, TX

I oppose this bill because it would not allow homeless shelters to keep male and female clients separated.

James Spikes

self

Georgetown, TX

We should start by describing how the world was made and what was the purpose for the Earth to have humans. Also give an account for what purpose you were made and are living according to that purpose.

Caroline Russell

Self, student

Austin, TX

It is unlawful to force people to comply with something that contradicts their personal beliefs. This bill discriminates against Christians and others who do not agree with the LGBTQ community. Under the constitution we all have freedom to decide what we believe and who we choose to allow in our housing. This bill violates our freedom and cannot be passed.

Edward Scruggs

Self

The Woodlands, TX

This bill is a travesty and decimates all sense of right and wrong in every sense of the words. DO NOT, I repeat, DO NOT pass this bill out of committee. Your reelection is in the balance.

Jorge Lorenzana, Pastor

self, minister

Arlington, TX

I oppose this bill because it will give biological males to have access to women shelters and sleep in the same room violating women right to privacy. It open the door to predators to have easy access to potential victims.

Rod Schull

myself; a former Foundation Engineer now on Disability Pension

Temple, TX

Texas Representatives : It is long past time for Texas to return to founding Biblical Christian principles of Texas and of the United States of America. Those principles of God endowed life and liberty under the laws of nature and of nature's God certainly include the concept of human life made in God's image as created equal, from the point of conception, either male or female. It is your responsibility to govern Texas according to those founding principles. I strongly encourage you to do so.

Cheryl Comstock

Self/retired

Dallas, TX

Vote No

GregMr Harrop, Mr

self retired

LIBERTY HILL, TX

I strongly disagree with allowing biological men to sleep next to women in abuse shelters. This should not be allowed. As a father of 8 girls I would not allow my daughters to be forced to be in such a situation. Would any of you men want your wife or daughters to be subjected to having to stay in such a situation, where some men would be able to force themselves on their wives or daughters?

William Hamilton, Mr

retired

Spring, TX

We do not need to ban the bible. This bill is intended to help the trial lawyers.

Drake Cameron
self retired
Houston, TX

God created us male and female. Do not mock God.

Dianne Smith
self retired
The Woodlands, TX

Please vote against HB191. Biological males should be treated in all things as males and biological females should be treated in all things as females.

Rebekah Adams
Self
McKinney, TX

As a Texas, I oppose HB 191. This bill would have the effect of forcing religious homeless shelters to allow biological men to sleep next to women in abuse shelters. Are you out of your mind? Women and children in abuse shelters are fleeing abuse at the hands of men. DO NOT ALLOW biological men into women's abuse shelters.

Marc Wedding
281448175
Dallas, TX

As a citizen of Texas, I oppose all #BanTheBible bills that seek to criminalize the free expression of biblical values. I oppose all efforts to give special protections based on "Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity" I believe religious freedom and biblical values need to be protected and upheld. Texans who do not comply would face fines, possible jail time, and other criminal charges. This is wrong. I oppose all bills that seek to criminalize the free expression of biblical values and give special protections based on "sexual orientation and gender identity."

Thank you for your time and service.

Renee Speck
Self
Mansfield, TX

By allowing this bill to go through you are taking away an owners right to have their morals and base decisions on those morals. Good morals is what the majority of our laws are based on. Why does a group of individuals have a right to tell any business owner, land or building owner that they cannot exercise their beliefs and morals. No harm is done in allowing an owner to exercise their moral beliefs. There will be another building that won't. Stop forcing Texans to adhere to your agendas.

Lynda Harrop, Mrs.

self/ retired

LIBERTY HILL, TX

I strongly oppose this bill which would force religious homeless shelters to allow biological men to sleep next to women in abuse shelters! It would be far too easy for men to force themselves on these poor women who have already suffered untold harm from abuse! I would not allow my daughters or granddaughters or any female to have to stay in such a so called "shelter"! My husband would not allow it for myself, our daughters, granddaughters or any woman to be in a situation where they could possibly suffer further abuse! Would any of you men or women allow that for your own wives or daughters?

Lisa Hartman

Self

HOUSTON, TX

Legislation should always protect the best interests of ALL citizens, not to the expense of some and the elevation of others. There are already Federal laws prohibiting discrimination of any sort. To pass a bill that specifies SOGI non-discrimination, which is already Federally prohibited, is to violate the freedom of conscience of MANY Texas residents and business owners. This is itself discriminatory.

Joan Tomlinson., Mrs.

self

Conroe, TX

Owners should have the right to allow only pigmies to rent , if this is desired. Ownership should be everything. Only Communists hate private ownership of property.

Cristal Sawyer, Mrs.

CristalClear Tutoring

Conroe, TX

This is NOT OK. I do not support enforcing regulation in housing based on gender identity or expression. Girls are girls, boys are boys, and recognition of other genders is NOT based on science or anything else credible.

Gordy Carmona, Mx

Self

Plano, TX

I'm in support of HB 191. The current laws on the books do not completely protect LGBTQIA+ Texans from discrimination in areas like housing. Housing is a human right and the fact that some people are still able to be denied access to housing because their actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity is troubling.

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Colleen Rieth

self, homemaker

The Woodlands, TX

I am opposed to this bill. I am concerned that this bill would endanger women and violate freedom of religion as religious homeless shelters are forced to allow biological men to sleep next to biological women. Please protect women and religious freedom by rejecting this bill.

Kris Stevenson

Self/Homemaker and part time retail in a small business

Plano, TX

All individuals need to be protected and housed safely. Please make sure they're not discriminated against based on sexual orientation or any other reason that does not impact the safety of the community

Robert Salcido, CEO

Pride Center San Antonio

San Antonio, TX

Texas State House - Urban Affairs Committee

Testimony in Support of HB 191

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

Hello Chair, and members of the committee, my name is Robert Salcido, Jr., I'm from San Antonio and I'm here to testify in support of HB 191. I have the privilege of serving as the executive director at Pride Center San Antonio, our local LGBTQ+ community resource center. While our resource center is located in the heart of San Antonio, we serve the greater Bexar County and surrounding areas. Among the thousands of calls and walk-ins we receive each year, the highest percentage are from LGBTQ+ identified people seeking resources where they can be their authentic selves, be treated with dignity, respect, and compassion, without fear of discrimination and harassment.

Right now, LGBTQ+ Americans are facing undue discrimination in employment, public accommodations, housing, and in other sectors of their public life, they have virtually no legal recourse in much of the country, including in Texas. Housing continues to be an area where LGBTQ+ people face discrimination through being refused the ability to rent & buy housing, unfairly evicted, charged higher rental rates, & harassment by landlords & neighbors. Nondiscrimination protections simply ensure that everyone has a fair shot to succeed based on their own hard work, without undue barriers simply because of who they are.

Last year, our Center along with researchers from Dell Medical School and Trinity University released the San Antonio Strengthening Colors of Pride Community Report that included data collected from over 1800 LGBTQ+

community members in the San Antonio metro area. Our findings were that 11.1% of LGBTQ+ people reported being denied housing due to their gender identity & 12.4% because of their sexual orientation. Furthermore, of our respondents, 44.6% of transgender men & 31.8% of transgender women

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report having been denied housing at some point in their lives based on their gender identity.

Everyone deserves access to safe and stable housing and the opportunity to create a loving, supportive, & comfortable place to call home. Housing is a basic human necessity, yet LGBTQ+ people have low rates of home ownership & high rates of unstable housing & homelessness. Stigma and lack of legal protections play a huge role in many of these outcomes. Our community is resilient, but LGBTQ+ Texans still fear being evicted from their homes simply for who they are or whom they love. Equal protection under the law would help address these issues.

I urge this committee to consider the many lives, not just those of San Antonians represented in our report, but throughout the entire state, that would be impacted by your support of HB 191.

In community,

Robert Salcido, Jr.
Executive Director
Pride Center San Antonio

Genevieve Ruble

Self

Rowlett, TX

Subject: In Support of HB 191
Submitted by: Genevieve Ruble
Rowlett, TX

As a straight, CIS, white woman, there is not really anything I can't do in America. I see no reason to exclude anyone else from the same rights we all should be guaranteed as American citizens. I support HB191 and HB 2045 and oppose HB 3940, all for the same reason. We should welcome and include our entire community, LGBTQ+ equally with everyone who does not identify as such. Denying anyone their freedom is simply un-American, and I don't condone it. I ask you to consider my opinion as a Texas resident, when passing legislation which affects my life, and the lives of my fellow Texans.

Deborah Bell

Self

Houston, TX

Subject: In Support of HB 191
Submitted by: Deborah Moncrief Bell
Houston, TX

I am a resident of Houston, TX. In January of this year I was able to move into a Senior Housing facility that was made possible

by the Montrose Center, a non-profit that provides service to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender population, and their allies. This affordable housing has provided me with my own housing after years of living in other people's homes and uncertainty. It also allows me to feel safe and have a much improved quality of life. Many s do not have seniors that identify as part of this community, do not have family connections, or are estranged from family. Many are faced with being isolated from their community, or put in a position to seek housing where they may not be treated with the respect they deserve and suffer from discrimination. I think it is well worth the investment by the state of Texas to examine ways to allow more projects to be created and provide vulnerable seniors with stability as they live the final chapters of their lives. Please support HB 2045 and HB191.
Deborah Moncrief Bell

Rita McClure
Self - Retired
The Woodlands, TX

I strongly disagree with this bill as it would would create new government power to ban the free expression of Christian beliefs, especially biblical teaching on marriage and sexuality. Please do not approve.

Robin Blackmon
Self
Cypress, TX

Religious freedom is foundational to a free country. No law prohibiting its free exercise should be made no matter how it is packaged.....

Terry Reed
Self / Procurement
Sealy, TX

Opposed to this bill as it is not necessary and would be a waste of taxpayers earnings. And this would cause unnecessary stress and possible harm to those in the shelter.

Ingrid Hamilton
myself.....retired
The Woodlands, TX

Do not ban the Bible

Meta Rousseau, Dr.
Self
The Woodlands, TX

This bill will infringe on essential individual freedoms and will open a huge gray area for endless lawsuits. Please do NOT approve this bill!

Xiaojuan Warren

None

Houston, TX

This bill would have the effect of forcing religious homeless shelters to allow biological men to sleep next to women in abuse shelters. This is not acceptable. That in this democratic country the great majority of people have to suffer and give in/ bend to the will of a tiny minority of people is very concerning. Please respect majority of people. A few people's rights and values should not trump millions of Christians' rights and values. We respect the personal beliefs of the minority and should be able to find solutions to protect their rights without overriding other believers' rights. The bill also gives perpetrators ability to commit crimes using the policy as shelter.

Sandra Becker

self retired

Houston, TX

Opposed to this bill

John Peyton

Self

The woodlands, TX

No way is this a good idea; let's keep the men and women separated in these facilities (especially those supported by our religious communities)

Sam Danna

Self- Business owner

DALLAS, TX

191 in Christian homeless shelters allowing men to sleep alongside women in abuse centers. Disgusting idea. Please vote against. HB2045 exclusive LGBTG committee to determine their rights? THIS IS AN OVERT CHALLENGE TO CHRISTIANITY IN TEXAS. THIS LEGISLATOR SHOULD BE ASHAMED FOR THIS AFRONT TO THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE OF TEXAS.

Holley Whittemore

Self

Spring, TX

HBO 191 and HB 2045

Scooter Burns

Self

Merkel, TX

In regards to HB191 and HB2045 I strongly urge you vote against these bills and any other legislation that moves to ban the Bible or in any way will affect religious freedom. Thanks for your consideration.

John Latham

Self

Thrall, TX

If this contains a "ban the Bible" legislation, I am adamantly opposed to it. Our nation was founded on the principles in this most honored book.

Mariela Domínguez

Self

Missouri city, TX

I believe this bill puts people in danger of abuse and should not be granted.

Matt Stuckey

self

San Antonio, TX

I am deeply concerned about the flagrant disregard for personal safety contained within this proposed legislation. That it would force religious homeless shelters to allow biological men to sleep next to women in abuse shelters is simply insane, and would possibly encourage multiple lawsuits against the shelters and the State of Texas for injuries and mistreatment that could come from such a reckless policy. This Bill must be stopped now.

Joan Yates

Self, Homemaker

Valley View, TX

I am adamantly opposed to this bill! It does not reflect my values or the values of the State of Texas.

Sandra Duran

Self, Physical Therapist

Austin, TX

I oppose HB 191 — women in crisis situations needing shelter are vulnerable and need a safe place to heal and get relief and support services. Allowing biological males in the same shelter puts her at risk for potential harm, dithering abuse and manipulation. There are shelters specifically for men, they have the services available to them. Let women have the care they need in the safe environment they require.

Joan Yates

Self, Homemaker

Valley View, TX

I am opposed to this bill!

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Self, Homemaker

Valley View, TX

This is a dangerous bill and I strongly oppose it. This would have the effect of forcing religious homeless shelters to allow biological men to sleep next to women in abuse shelters. Remove this bill from consideration!!

David Pounds, Mr.

n/a

Goliad, TX

Please vote against this bill. Thank you.

Michelle Hernandez

Self

Borger, TX

Please protect the rights of biological females not to be exposed to biological males in shelters. At such a delicate time, women need to feel safe from men.

LAURA PEREGRIM, Mrs.

SELF - RETIRED

LEANDER, TX

I object strongly to the impact of this bill, which would force religious homeless shelters to allow biological men to sleep, shower close to, or in the same shower area, and use restroom facilities that are allocated for biological women. Some of those women have been sexually abused by men, and it's not appropriate or wanted by a large majority of the people in Texas. Not only is this oppressive and abusive to the biological women, but the tiny minority of the population should not dictate the removal of freedom, modesty, and safety to the majority. This bill opposes freedom of religion and it is therefore UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

Beverly Roberts, Mrs.

Self

Houston, TX

Stop this nonsense! Feelings are not facts. Follow the science. No amount of unnecessary hormone treatment or mutilating surgery will change a man into a woman. I can't believe intelligent people are even discussing this ridiculous idea. Get a grip and stop being bullied by the LGBTQXYZABC Radicals. Your surely don't believe this stuff!!

martin caperton, md

self
Willis, TX

awful bill and would allow biological males to sleep next to abused women

Sandra Burdick, Ms.
Self
Copperas Cove, TX

I am personally against both bills. If a biological female goes to an abuse shelter she does not needed a biological male sharing the room with her. That would present a mental threat to her.
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Part of my religious rights is being able to express my beliefs. If someone doesn't want to hear them they have the right to ignore me but not the right to shut me up.

Jack Sheehy
self
Arlington, TX

".....prohibition of housing discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression and to the enforcement of that prohibition."
Texas already has fair and thorough housing laws for all its residents. Adding frivolous items like HB191 take away from the integrity of our current state laws. In addition, this bill attempts to limit our biblical and moral applications of current housing laws. This bill is not needed. Bernal does not have the interests of Texas in mind by trying to introduce this bill. HB191 needs to be eliminated from further consideration for adjusting our current legitimate housing laws.

david kirkland
constitution
Georgetown, TX

HB 191 and HB 2045 these are a clear violation of our freedom of religion.

david kirkland
constitution
Georgetown, TX

It is a scientific fact there are only 2 genders

Richard Grady
Collin County Homeless Coalition
Plano, TX

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, the Collin County Homeless Coalition supports HB 191. Collin County Homeless

Coalition, an organization assisting over 150 non-profit organizations in this Texas county to prevent homelessness, act on homeless issues and create wrap-around services, recognizes the need for housing that is affordable. As the Legislative Budget Board indicated: "No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated." However, when housing is refused to anyone who rightfully can afford the rental, lease or purchase, the action exacerbates the issues of near homelessness or recovery from homelessness. This then costs real dollars from individuals, corporations, non-profit organizations and governmental agencies to deal with any issues coming from the refusal. We feel the amendments and additions to Section 301.003 of the Property Code help all our organizations focus their time, talents and limited capital resources in achieving a better outcome in preventing homelessness and providing wrap-around services for our citizens in need.

K. Theiss

None,, America

Conroe, TX

Please do NOT vote for this dangerous bill! This is set to destroy Christian beliefs, the Bible and all defenseless children for life. It is evil, we are supposed to be a democracy not a communist state, but this bill would take us there. Do the right thing, that is what you and all other politicians were voted in for, not to destroy America.
Sincerely Karen

Linda Holland

Self

San Antonio, TX

Please vote AGAINST HB 191

Corina GROZAV

Self

San Antonio, TX

I am writing to inform of my opinion that HB 2045 and HB 191 need to be opposed.

Marga Matthews

Baytown Republican Woman

Baytown, TX

HB 191 by Rep. Diego Bernal (D) would have the effect of forcing religious homeless shelters to allow biological men to sleep next to women in abuse shelters. This is not safe and causes severe dangers to women in shelters. I believe biological men and biological women should be in separate sleeping quarters.
